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10 x 50? Not exactly!

READING THROUGH THE reader surveys that were printed in the September 2002 issue, we have come to the conclusion that as much as this sport has changed over the years, and as much as the fans' perception of the sport has changed, certain things do *not* change.

We've done four such surveys over the last 20 or so years, and in each we've asked you, our readers, to tell us what you like and don't like about *PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED*. One of the most popular answers each time on the positive side is the ratings.

Well, we like to give our readers what they like, and that's why, in 1991, we came up with the idea to compile the "*PWI* 500." If you like our Top 10, how could you not like our Top 500?

Simple concept? Perhaps. Simply executed? Why ... no! While it's relatively easy for our editors to list the top 10s in the various organizations, the "*PWI* 500" is a joint effort of the entire wrestling community. Just as the college football coaches do not see every team when they formulate their weekly rankings, the editors of *PWI* have not seen every wrestler. So, to a large extent, we are dependent on the honest assessments of those who have. There is no scientific approach to comparing the accomplishments of, say, the champion in an indy league in Florida to that of an indy league in Ohio, particularly if they share no common opponents. That's not to say that a great deal of painstaking thought doesn't go into the compilation of this list. We take it very seriously and we are proud of the impact it has had on the business.

All of the following criteria are considered (in order of importance):

- Win-loss record
- Technical ability
- Influence on the sport
- Success against the highest grade of competition
- Success against the most diverse competition
- Activity

As always, keep in mind that the "*PWI* 500" is not a ranking for the calendar year January through December. This year's "grading period" runs from August 2001 through August 2002.

A wrestler who has lost significant time due to injury can either be dropped off the list entirely (in which case he will be listed in "Farewell To The 500" with a disabled list—DL—designation) or receive a ranking that might not be commensurate with his abilities or the amount of success he enjoyed in a reduced time frame.

We expect the "*PWI* 500" to ignite hot debates (both among readers and wrestlers in locker rooms), but that's the fun part. You can reach us with your comments at "*PWI* 500," P.O. Box 1148, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Or you can e-mail us at londonpub@kappapublishing.com (please write "*PWI* 500" in the subject field).

[Editor's note: The numbers in parentheses following each name represent the wrestler's height, weight, years of pro experience, and rating in the 2001 "*PWI* 500." An "NL" means the wrestler was not listed a year ago. A complete list of wrestlers ranked in 2001 but not 2002, as well as an alphabetical cross-reference to the "*PWI* 500," follow the listings.]

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ROB VANDAM

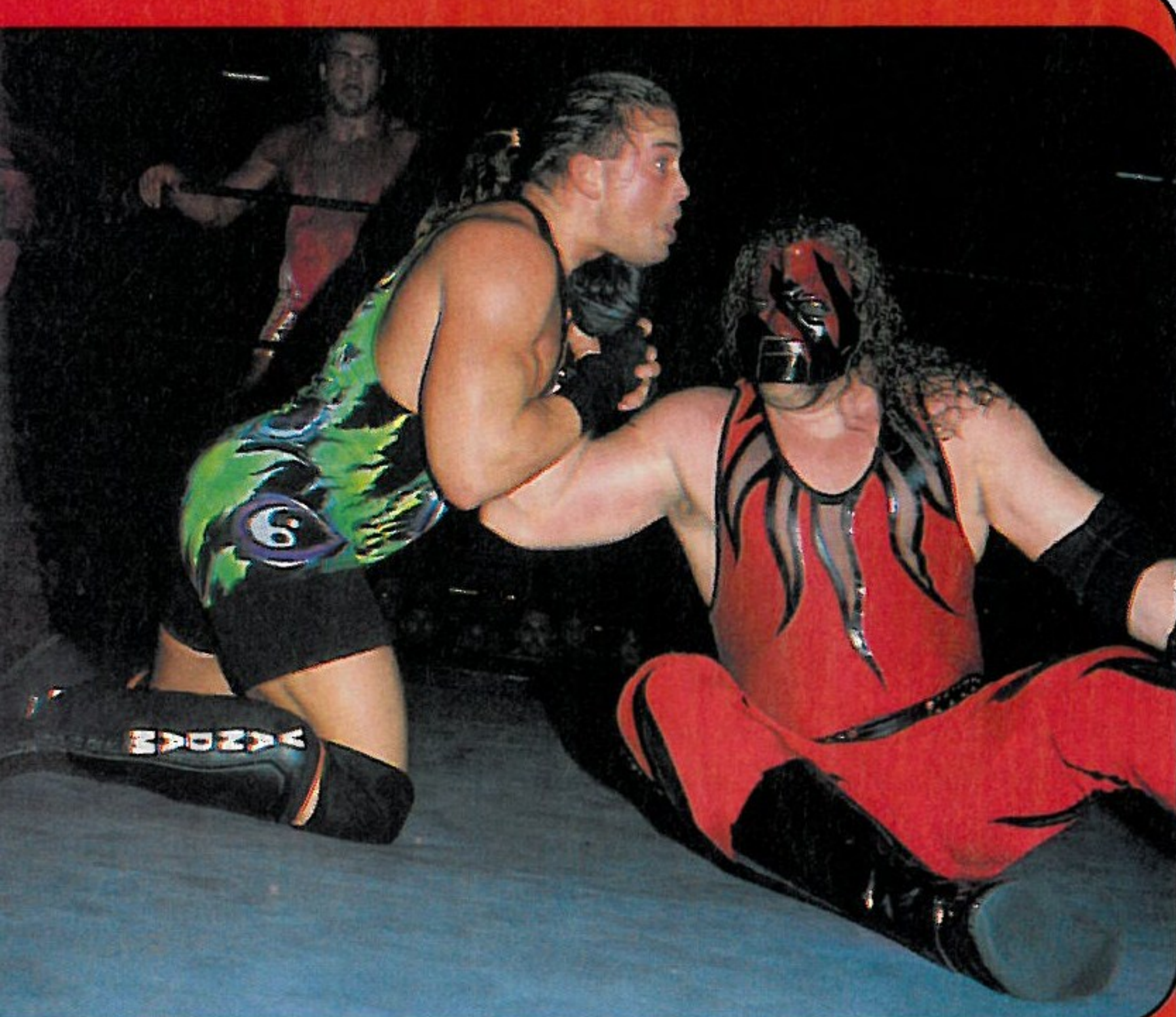
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TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Almost captured the undisputed WWE World championship on *Raw*, only to see a match restart by Ric Flair save The Undertaker's title reign. 2. Defeated Eddie Guerrero in a spectacular ladder match on *Raw* to win the WWE Intercontinental title. 3. Defeated William Regal at WrestleMania X8 to win the WWE Intercontinental title. 4. Beat The Big Show to retain his WWE hardcore title on *Raw*. 5. Teamed with The Rock to beat The Undertaker and undisputed WWE World heavyweight champion Chris Jericho on *Raw*.

HE SAID IT: "When I was picked as the first runner-up in '99, I read that I was very lucky to be as high as I was without having won a major title. I stayed in ECW and sacrificed a lot of money because I wanted to do it my way. Well, ECW and WCW have fallen off the face of the earth, and now WWE is the one monster promotion. I spent a lot of time decorating my waist with gold since I've been here. Being named number one in the '*PWI* 500' is a great reward for a lot of hard work."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 262nd in 1991; 173rd in 1992; 121st in 1993; 129th in 1994; 199th in 1995; 51st in 1996; 32nd in 1997; 14th in 1998; 2nd in 1999; 24th in 2000; 59th in 2001

WHERE HE'S HEADED: It might pain some people inside WWE to no end, but RVD is a big part of the future of that company. His ridiculous risk-taking and uncanny athleticism easily win over fans, and his unpretentious backstage demeanor makes everyone watching WWE TV think that he's just a normal guy with extraordinary talent and an extraordinary job. If Van Dam doesn't win the undisputed WWE championship by this time next year, something will have gone drastically wrong. Forget about his lack of size. He's the complete package. We're not sure where he'll go immediately from here, but we do imagine that he'll have another extended feud with Brock Lesnar in the coming year, and more than likely it'll be over the World title, not the Intercontinental strap. And considering what we are forecasting here, it wouldn't surprise us in the least to see RVD join Bret Hart and "Stone-Cold" Steve Austin as the only wrestlers to take home the top spot in the "500" two years in a row.



RVD crashes into Kane

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THE UNDERTAKER

(6'9", 328, 14, 11)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Defeated Hulk Hogan at Judgment Day to win his fourth WWE World heavyweight title. 2. Retained the WWE World title by beating Triple-H at King of the Ring. 3. Beat "Stone-Cold" Steve Austin in a number-one contender's match at Backlash. 4. Beat Ric Flair in a classic no-holds-barred match at WrestleMania X8. 5. Beat Rob Van Dam to win the WWE hardcore title at Vengeance 2001.

HE SAID IT: "What do you want to know? I kicked ass and took names this entire year, just like I do every year, and what's my thanks? You fools give the number-one spot to Rob Van Dam, one of the biggest punks I've seen in a long time. Where is my respect? What did he accomplish that I didn't? Can you tell me that? I was the undisputed WWE champion. I don't recall RVD winning that title this year. Hell, I don't remember him ever winning that title at all. And I beat his punk ass at last year's Vengeance for the hardcore title, so that means that I even beat him at his own game. For that reason alone, I think that I should be rated higher than him. See, for most people, number two would be just fine. It'd be a great accomplishment. Too bad I'm not most people."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 21st in 1992; 46th in 1993; 23rd in 1994; 14th in 1995; 19th in 1996; 6th in 1997; 5th in 1998; 8th in 1999; 11th in 2001

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Now *that* is really hard to say. Who would have thought that The Undertaker would have arguably the strongest run of his career in 2002? At this point last year, we thought that "Big Evil" was winding his career down. That's why we thought he gave up the mysticism and magic, because he wanted one final run as himself, or as close to himself as the man is allowed to be on WWE TV. So imagine our surprise when he beat Hulk Hogan for the title at Judgment Day and then ran with the ball for two full months and a couple of days afterward. We're still tempted to predict that 'Taker is headed toward retirement, but we just don't believe that anymore. He won't win the undisputed WWE World title again (haven't we said that before?), but that doesn't mean that he's not going to stick around and continue to make a huge impact on WWE. As strange as it may seem, the only place 'Taker is headed is to the ring.



Undertaker goes for a pin against The Rock

3

KEIJI MUTO

(6'1", 245, 18, 4)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Defeated Mike Barton to win the 2002 Champion's Carnival tournament on April 10 at the Tsukisamu Dome. 2. Departed New Japan Pro Wrestling in January and signed with rival company All-Japan Pro Wrestling. 3. Gave an incredible performance in a bout for the vacant Triple Crown title, losing to Genichiro Tenryu on April 13 at Budokan Hall, just three days after winning the Carnival. 4. Along with Kaz Hayashi and George Hines, won the Giant Baba Memorial six-man tournament on May 12 by defeating Tenryu, Nobutaka Araya, and Arashi in the finals at Korakuen Hall. 5. Defeated Bam Bam Bigelow in a rare United States appearance at the International WrestleFest in Atlantic City on June 22.

HE SAID IT: "The Natural Born Master always comes out on top—whether it's in New Japan or All-Japan or where ever I choose to go. I have shown the world that no matter what name I take, Great Muta, Kokushi, Mutoh, my fighting spirit burns brighter and brighter each day. With the help of my BATT partners, and my shining wizard attack, I have surpassed all of *puroresu's* biggest stars to be recognized by the PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED as the top Japanese wrestler active today. It is a great honor to be counted among the best in the world once again, a distinction I regard very seriously. It is my goal to ascend to the position of number one wrestler, and rise above all others. I will always fight to be the very best in the world."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 20th in 1991; 25th in 1992; 19th in 1993; 15th in 1994; 13th in 1995; 32nd in 1996; 37th in 1997; 58th in 1998; 7th in 1999; 22nd in 2000; 4th in 2001

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Into the history books, for one thing, as the most consistent performer since the invention of the "PWI 500." In the twelve years this ranking has existed, Muto has only fallen from the top 50 once, and this year marks his third among the 10 best in the world. Muto's legacy in *puroresu* will change soon, though, as he prepares to accept the mantle of president of All-Japan Pro Wrestling from Motoko Baba. Not only will Muto be the company's top star, but he'll also be making the business decisions that will shape AJPW for years to come. While his jump from New Japan earlier this year may have closed many doors to Muto, he can now concentrate on one thing: regaining the Triple Crown, a title he helped restore interest in, after the NOAH exodus all but crippled All-Japan. With Toshiaki Kawada sidelined once again with injuries, Muto has already proven himself to be All-Japan's ace. With his new presidency on the horizon, he'll have the chance to become *puroresu's* ace for a brand new era.



Muto locks up with Tatsumi Fujinami

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CHRIS JERICHO

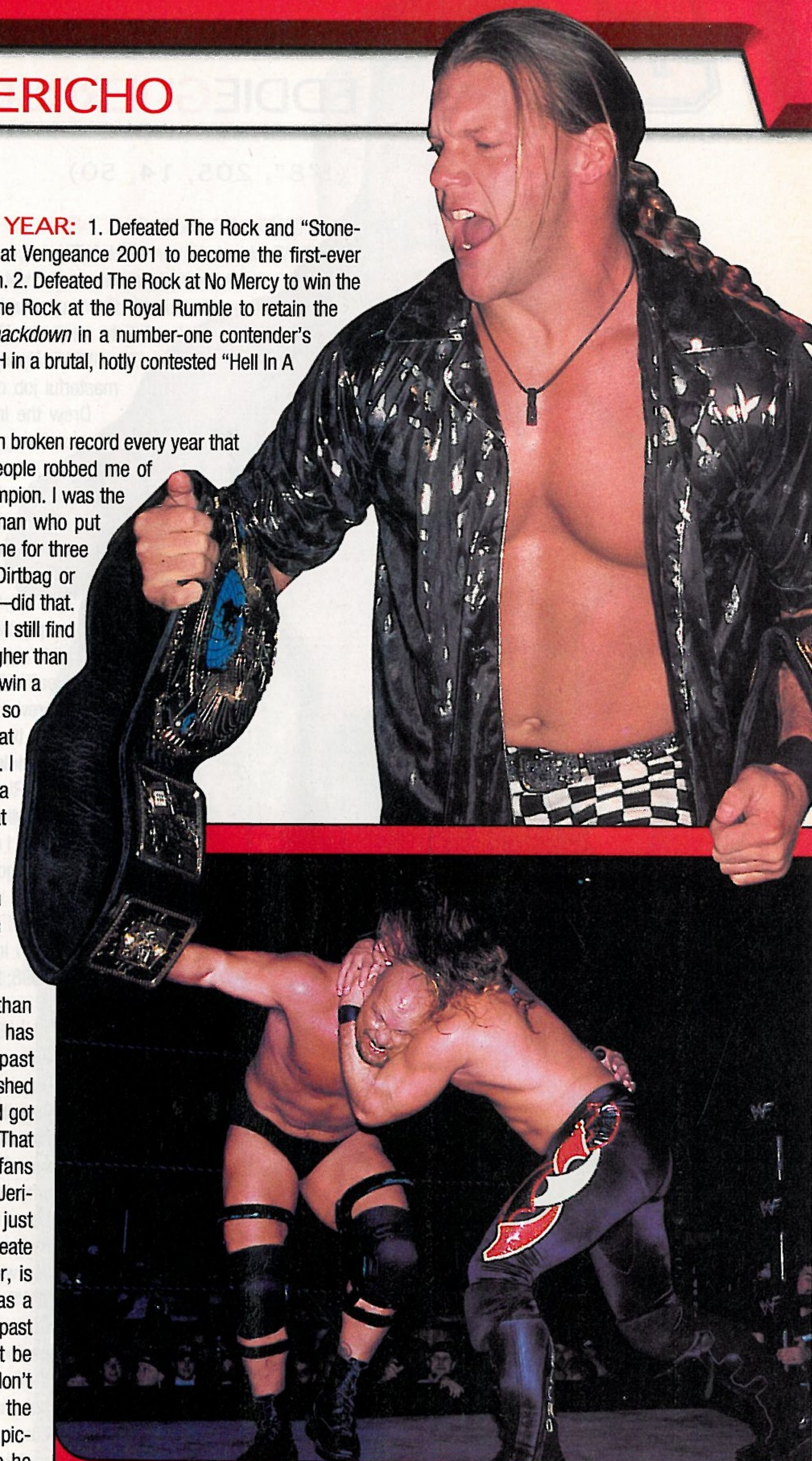
(5'10", 225, 12, 9)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Defeated The Rock and "Stone-Cold" Steve Austin in two different matches at Vengeance 2001 to become the first-ever undisputed WWE World heavyweight champion. 2. Defeated The Rock at No Mercy to win the WCW World heavyweight title. 3. Defeated The Rock at the Royal Rumble to retain the WWE World title. 4. Defeated Triple-H on *Smackdown* in a number-one contender's match. 5. Showed real guts in losing to Triple-H in a brutal, hotly contested "Hell In A Cell" match at Judgment Day.

HE SAID IT: "I hate to sound like a damn broken record every year that this thing rolls around, but once again you people robbed me of what is deservedly mine. I was the WCW champion. I was the first undisputed WWE champion. I was the man who put WWE on his back and carried it to the finish line for three whole months. Me. I did that. Not Rob Van Dirtbag or The Undertapper. Chris Jericho—Y2J himself—did that. And despite my hellacious year inside the ring, I still find myself looking up at others who are ranked higher than me. I could live with the ranking if all I did was win a few matches here or there, but my year was so much more than that. I beat The Rock. I beat Triple-H. I even beat 'Stone-Cold' Steve Austin. I guess I shouldn't complain, though. I'm still a 'Living Legend.' And at least I wasn't ranked at ninth for the third year in a row."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 42nd in 1996; 26th in 1997; 10th in 1998; 29th in 1999; 9th in 2000; 9th in 2001

WHERE HE'S HEADED: More than likely, to the other side of the yard. Jericho has done an outstanding job as a heel. In this past year's "500" grading period, he finally established himself as a strong, self-assured character and got rid of his dependence on smart-alecky antics. That change in character paid off, because the fans were finally able to build up some disdain for Jericho and actually hate him, an emotion that just about every professional wrestler strives to create at some point in his career. Jericho, however, is probably nearing the end of his strong run as a heel. No matter how well he did in the role this past year, the fans want to cheer him; they won't be able to hold back much longer. And while we don't picture him regaining the WWE World title in the coming year, we don't see him leaving the title picture. Y2J is in the top tier to stay. It's where he deserves to be.



Y2J wears down Steve Austin

5

EDDIE GUERRERO

(5'8", 205, 14, 50)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Beat Rob Van Dam at Backlash to win the WWE Intercontinental title. 2. Beat Psicosis and Juventud Guerrera in a three-way match at WWA: The Revolution to win the WWA international cruiserweight title. 3. Beat Rob Van Dam at Judgment Day to retain the WWE Intercontinental title. 4. Nearly defeated then-WWE World champion The Rock on *Raw* in July and did a masterful job of blocking and countering a Rock bottom. 5. Drew the ire of Steve Austin by attacking him in a bar during a *Raw* skit.

HE SAID IT: "You never know what's going to happen in this business, I guess. I thought that guys had to spend the whole year in WWE to make good in this thing, but I guess not. It's good to know that a lot of people respect what goes on overseas. Of course, it's not like I didn't get the job done over here, either, right? 'Latino Heat' will do everything he can to have a great match wherever he goes and whoever he's in the ring with. And I know that when I returned to WWE, I gave RVD all he could handle and then maybe some more after that. Same went for Ric Flair and Steve Austin and The Rock and a bunch of other guys, too. Maybe if I had been in WWE the whole time, I could've had an ever better run, but it won't do me any good to be worried about that right now."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 141st in 1994; 17th in 1995; 29th in 1996; 24th in 1997; 28th in 1998; 20th in 2000; 50th in 2001

WHERE HE'S HEADED: We are all born with certain gifts that make us special in certain ways. Eddie Guerrero was born to be a professional wrestler, and his innate wrestling ability has made him very special, indeed. Unfortunately, "Latino Heat" wasn't blessed with much size, and that's why a man who is often considered one of the best pure wrestlers in the world figures to remain on the cusp of main-event status for the rest of his career in WWE. We wish we could say otherwise, but we can't. In WWE, size matters most of the time. Even though Guerrero has been one of WWE's most dependable performers since returning to the promotion after dealing with substance abuse problems, we imagine he's as far up the card as he's ever going to get. Of course, if he continues to come through with great match after great match, maybe he'll force WWE to give him at least a taste of main events.



Guerrero stretches Super Crazy during a Ring of Honor match

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KURT ANGLE

(6'1", 232, 3, 1)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Beat "Stone-Cold" Steve Austin in front of a hometown (Pittsburgh) crowd at Unforgiven to win his second WWE World heavyweight title. 2. Beat Hulk Hogan by submission at King of the Ring. 3. Beat Triple-H at No Way Out to win Helmsley's WrestleMania WWE World heavyweight title shot (Triple-H won the title shot back one night later on *Raw*). 4. Beat Rhyno on *Raw* to win the WCW U.S. heavyweight title. 5. Beat Triple-H in a cage match on *Raw*.

HE SAID IT: "I've been involved with professional wrestling for what, three or four years now? In 2001, I took home the top spot in this ranking. In my rookie year, I came in 13th. This year, I'm at number six. All things considered, I don't have anything to complain about. Of course my accomplishments deserve a little more recognition with a higher ranking, but I'm comfortable where I'm at. It just lets me know that I still have work to do. I'm not going to rest on what I've already accomplished, which, as everyone knows, is a lot. Next year, I will reclaim the number-one position. I'm going to do everything possible to make sure that happens, because after winning my Olympic gold medal, I know what it's like to be the most respected person in your chosen profession. I want that feeling back. And I will be on top again."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 13th in 2000; 1st in 2001

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Maybe the Olympics! Believe it or not, that might turn out to be the case. We've been told that the 1996 Olympic gold medalist will be allowed, if he so desires, to leave the active WWE roster and pursue his dream of a second gold medal in 2004. WWE would be making one huge sacrifice, but it appears that Vince McMahon will not stop Angle from attempting to win another gold medal while under WWE contract, no matter how slim Angle's chances at victory really are. And they are slim. Angle hasn't competitively wrestled the amateur style in six years, and in order to get into proper form for a run at the 2004 Olympics, he'd have to get on a full-time training regimen very soon. He'd also have to reach deep down and find motivation. For all this talk of him leaving, however, it's hard to actually envision Angle taking a sabbatical for the Olympic pursuit. It might happen, but we're betting against it right now.



Angle keeps "The Game" flat on his back

7

EDGE

(6'4", 240, 9, 20)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Defeated Test at Survivor Series to unify the WCW U.S. and WWE Intercontinental titles. 2. With Hulk Hogan, defeated Billy Gunn and Chuck Palumbo to win his eighth WWE World tag team title. 3. Defeated Kurt Angle in a hair vs. hair match at Judgment Day. 4. Defeated Christian in a ladder match at No Mercy to win his third WWE Intercontinental title. 5. Defeated Booker T at WrestleMania X8.

HE SAID IT: "When I started out in this business, there were a whole lot of things that I wanted to accomplish, and being recognized as one of the top five or 10 guys was definitely one of them. I guess now I can scratch that goal off of my list, because I've finally made it. It's a strange feeling, though. I always thought of the guys in the top 10 as the absolute cream of the sport, the ultimate money players, and it's hard to believe people look at me as one of them now. Sometimes I feel like I'm still the young kid in the Toronto SkyDome watching Hulk Hogan take on The Ultimate Warrior at WrestleMania VI. But now I'm standing next to Hogan, and he's looking to reach for my hand to tag me in. It's a dream come true. Sometimes I can't even believe that it's happening to me."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 254th in 1997; 67th in 1998; 83rd in 1999; 51st in 2000; 20th in 2001

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Edge was still teaming with Hulk Hogan as we were going to press, but we're envisioning an Edge vs. Hogan feud sooner rather than later. And since the fans won't even consider booing Hogan these days, Edge is going to have to be the bad guy if it happens. Now, we know that all the Edge heads probably don't appreciate reading that, but it's true. Almost any way you look at it, if Edge and Hogan are going to feud (and even money says they will), Edge will have to be the heel. And, besides, it's not like it will be a stretch for the guy. Edge has been a very effective heel in the past. His long, blond locks lend themselves to a funny, Valley girl-type persona, and he can effectively poke fun at just about anyone. A strong heel run might even move him further up this list in next year's "500." We don't think he has peaked yet.



Edge shows his disdain for William Regal

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YUJINAGATA

(6'1", 228, 10, 52)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Won the IWGP heavyweight title for the first time from Tadao Yasuda in Tokyo on April 5. 2. Retained the IWGP heavyweight title by beating NOAH's Yoshihiro Takayama at the Tokyo Dome on May 2. 3. Retained the IWGP heavyweight title on June 7 by defeating former champion Kensuke Sasaki at Budokan Hall. 4. Retained the IWGP heavyweight title over mixed martial arts star Bas Rutten on July 20 in Sapporo. 5. Beat Scott Norton on March 21 to become the number-one contender for the IWGP heavyweight title.

HE SAID IT: "My motto has always been 'be ambitious.' I have done everything in my power to be just that. These past few years, I have pursued every avenue to better myself, from my WCW days, to my Zero-One fights, from mixed martial arts bouts to, at last, the IWGP heavyweight title. My ambitions and dreams have at last been realized, and it has taken me a long, hard decade to get there. The IWGP title is something I have sought since my first day as a wrestler. Now I am humbled to not only hold the most prestigious championship in our sport, but also because I have at last earned a place among the world's best. I am grateful that the staff of Pro Wrestling Illustrated has not overlooked all my hard work this year, and I will honor this great tribute to my ambition by fighting to become even better than before. I want to show all fans of pro wrestling that I am deserving of this great distinction."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 164th in 1997; 83rd in 1998; 77th in 1999; 37th in 2000; 52nd in 2001

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

If Nagata can remain focused these next few years, he'll emerge as the top star of his generation of wrestlers in Japan. As the old guard begins to show their age, Nagata needs to continue to refine his game, and wait for men like Muto, Misawa, Kawada, and Chono to pass the torch to the young lions. Unlike his contemporary, Jun Akiyama, Nagata has only just hit his stride this year, and he still has room to grow as a wrestler. He's traveled the world, facing the best everywhere he goes and becoming one of the sport's most diverse performers. Since making his ascension to the IWGP title, he hasn't exactly met the most challenging competitors, and more interpromotional defenses, like his one against NOAH's Yoshihiro Takayama, will forge a stronger champion. To prove himself as one of the all-time greats, all Nagata really needs is time.



Nagata finishes off Tadao Yasuda

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THE ROCK

(6'4", 272, 7, 14)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Beat Hulk Hogan at WrestleMania X8 to lay claim to the very unofficial title of "absolute best ever." 2. Beat The Undertaker and Kurt Angle in a triple threat match at Vengeance 2002 to win the undisputed WWE World heavyweight title. 3. Beat Chris Jericho on *Raw* to win the WCW World heavyweight title. 4. Defeated Booker T and Shane McMahon in a handicap match at Unforgiven. 5. Pinned The Undertaker at No Way Out.

HE SAID IT: "Has this been a year for The Rock or what? Just take a look at The Rock's accomplishments in the ring: a WCW title win against Chris Jericho, a victory over the immortal Hulk Hogan at WrestleMania in one of the greatest matches of The Rock's career, and an undisputed WWE championship win over Kurt Angle and 'The Dead Man' himself at Vengeance. That's called layin' the smack down like it's never been laid down before. And all that was done while The Rock had the privilege of going out there and entertaining the millions and millions of The Rock's fans in *The Scorpion King*! And The Rock can't even say what's in store for the next year—even The Rock doesn't know enough to predict where this wild and crazy ride will take him in the next 365 days, so you'd better just stay tuned and come along for the ride!"

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 167th in 1996; 103rd in 1997; 11th in 1998; 5th in 1999; 2nd in 2000; 14th in 2001

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Where else? To the land of glitz and glamour in Hollywood, California. Though we would all like to believe otherwise, Rock is slowly adjusting to his new priorities. Movies come first and wrestling comes second. It seems like every other day, Rocky signs on for the starring role for yet another film. In fact, the way his Hollywood career is skyrocketing, it's seriously making us wonder how much longer Rock is going to be around. For his part, Rock claims to want to be a part of WWE until the day he dies, but as he signs on for more and more movie projects, he's in essence signing on for less and less ring time. For all we know, he'll be a role player in WWE a year from now. And think about this: A career in the movie industry provides many more financial benefits—plus stunt personnel! This could be his last stop in this top 10.



The Rock slaps a sharpshooter on Jericho

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TRIPLE-H

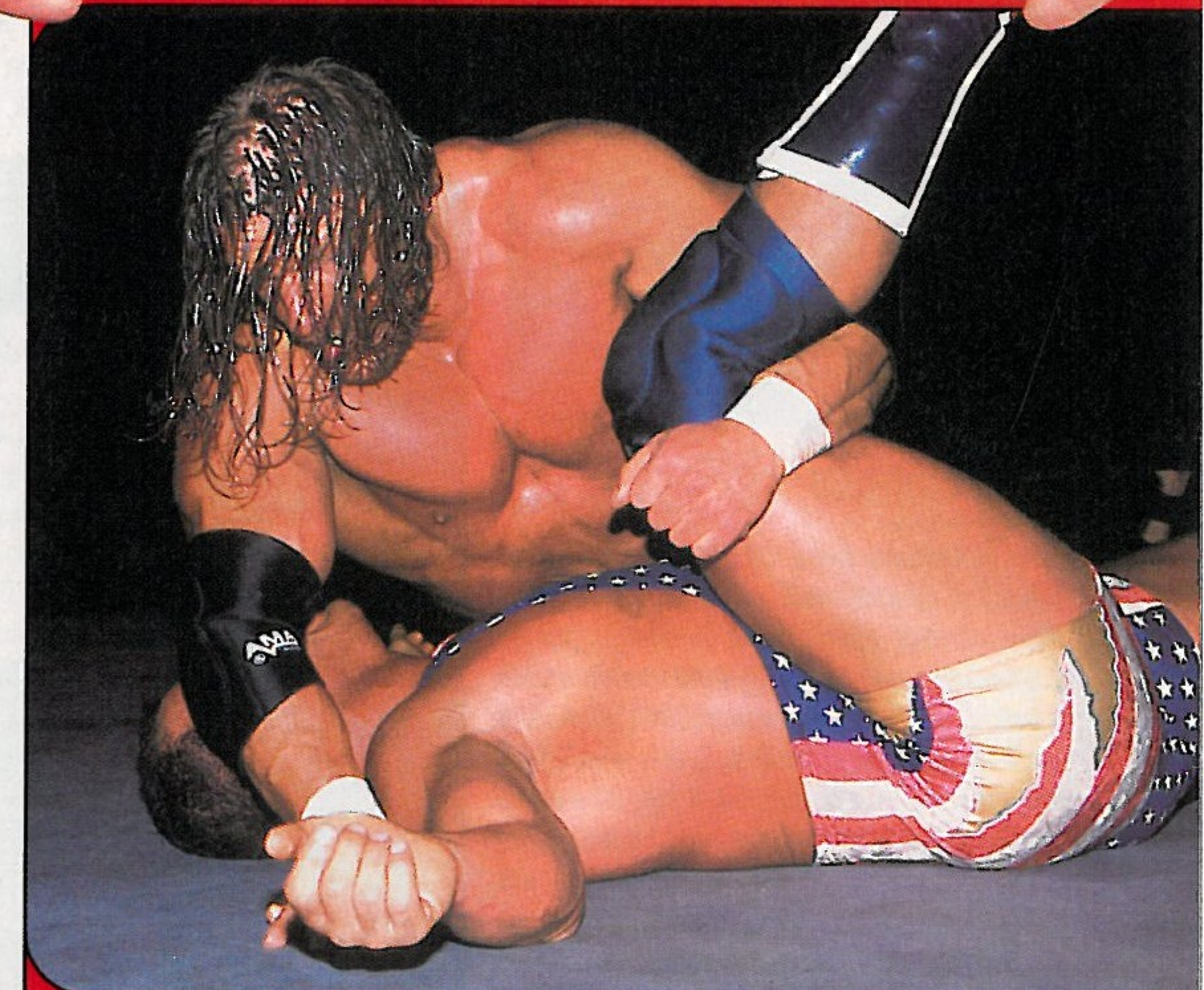
(6'5", 253, 11, 6)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Beat Chris Jericho at WrestleMania X8 to win the undisputed WWE World heavyweight title. 2. Won the 30-man Royal Rumble by last eliminating Kurt Angle. 3. Beat Chris Jericho in a "Hell In A Cell" match at Judgment Day. 4. Beat Hulk Hogan on *Smackdown* in a number-one contender's match. 5. Beat Stephanie McMahon and Chris Jericho in a handicap match on *Raw* to run Stephanie off WWE TV (temporarily).

HE SAID IT: "This past year was one of the toughest years of my life. I had to recover from quadriceps surgery, deal with all the baggage with Stephanie, compete for the spotlight with Hogan, and choose who I wanted to work for, Steph or Eric Bischoff. I wouldn't wish the past year on anyone—that's how tough it was. But I'll tell you this, and mark my words: I have never been more motivated in my entire life. Back in 1999 and 2000, I was the man. I was WWE's MVP. Then I tore my quad, and everything started to fall apart for a while. I'm just now starting to get back to where I need to be. I'll take this spot for this year, but I want to reclaim number one, and the only way I'll do that is if I reclaim the undisputed WWE World heavyweight title. That's the only goal for me."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 225th in 1994; 84th in 1995; 79th in 1996; 31st in 1997; 24th in 1998; 26th in 1999; 1st in 2000; 6th in 2001

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Triple-H jumped to the *Raw* brand a few weeks before this issue went to press, and that maneuver opens up a whole new world of possibilities for him. His chief concern should be his relationship with Eric Bischoff. Back when DeGeneration X was at its peak, Helmsley led expeditions to WCW events and demanded the return of Kevin Nash and Scott Hall, who were then unhappy with the way things were going in Turnerland. Bischoff must surely remember the day DX invaded CNN Center and had Time Warner employees doing the "Suck it!" routine. Bischoff might have recruited Helmsley for *Raw*, but that doesn't mean that tensions don't exist between the two men. It'll be interesting to see how they get along. As for the undisputed World title scene, Helmsley wants back in, and he'll stop at nothing to get back in. For Helmsley, nothing means more than being the WWE champion. He wants to feel that strap around his waist yet again. We think he'll accomplish that mission.



Triple-H has Kurt Angle all wrapped up

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11 BLACK TIGER (5'11", 215, 17, NL) The third incarnation of Black Tiger is setting Mexico and Japan on fire ... Unlike the previous Black Tiger, Eddie Guerrero, this man is a Mexican Luchador claiming to be from Japan ... Appears frequently with EMLL and New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Has been known to spew a green mist in some matches to blind opponents ... Has teamed and feuded with Dr. Wagner Jr. in the past few months ... Thick, muscular junior heavyweight is quick and limber ... Uses a triple-moonsault press sequence to finish off opponents.

12 MINORU TANAKA (5'8", 201, 5, 23) Current IWGP junior heavyweight champion is a real crowd-pleaser in New Japan with his clean, crisp submission-based mat work ... A former IWGP junior tag team titleholder ... used to team with Koji Kanemoto, but has been pairing with Jushin Liger for the past few months ... Came up through the ranks in companies like Big Japan Pro Wrestling and BattlArts ... Continues to wage war with the likes of Gedo and Jado ... Unorthodox pet finisher is called the Minoru special, a Northern Lights suplex that he converts into the *jujigatamae* submission hold.

13 STEVE AUSTIN (6'2", 252, 13, 2) Abandoned his heel persona immediately after the Alliance storyline ended at Survivor Series ... The NWO debuted in February by attacking Austin during his match against WWF champ Chris Jericho at No Way Out ... That led to a feud with the NWO, and a win over against Scott Hall at WrestleMania X8 ... Engaged in another entertaining owner/bad ass employee storyline with Ric Flair ... Publicly criticized the WWE creative team ... Defeated Flair on Raw to win his services as a "personal assistant" ... Might have cracked the top 10 of the "PWI 500" if he hadn't walked out of WWE in June.

14 BOOKER T (6'3", 250, 12, 5) Lost his long-awaited match against The Rock at last year's SummerSlam ... Seemed to slip into the background after that as Steve Austin continued as leader of the Alliance ... Vanquished along with other Alliance members at Survivor Series ... Re-entered the WWF in December as a thug for Vince McMahon ... Helped Chris Jericho win the undisputed title from Steve Austin at Vengeance ... Became the breakout star of Raw due to his reluctant partnership with Goldust ... Not even the entire NWO could handle Booker T ... Fans began to love his act, making him one of Raw's top fan favorites ... **SUCKA!**

15 GENICHIRO TENRYU (6'1", 275, 26, 12) Reigning Triple Crown champion of All-Japan Pro Wrestling is one of Japan's most respected veterans ... Has been a top star for decades, with stints in New Japan, SWS, WWF, and his own group, WAR ... Returned to All-Japan after a lengthy absence to fill the void after Mitsuharu Misawa led the NOAH exodus ... Much-anticipated singles program with Toshiaki Kawada is on hold once again due to Kawada's injury ... Has had some classic bouts with Keiji Muto in the last year ... Known for his hard chops and kicks, which he uses to brutalize opponents of all sizes ... Locked in a feud with Satoshi Kojima, who has already made an impact since jumping from New



Japan early in 2002 ... Favorite moves include the Northern Lights bomb and the folding power bomb.

16 SHOCKER (5'7", 191, 7, 82) Although he lost his mask just a few years ago, Shocker has never been more popular in his native Mexico ... Former partner, then rival of Mr. Niebla has



ascended to superstar status in the rings of EMLL after a long tenure with the *rudos* ... Spent some time as part of Los Guapos, a stable of bleached-blond wrestlers obsessed with looking handsome ... CMLL light heavyweight champion has been fending off challenges from top stars like Tarzan Boy and Black Warrior ... Has teamed with the likes of El Hijo del Santo and Mascara Magica to battle Los Infernos and a contingent of New Japan Pro Wrestling rookies ... Popularity skyrocketed after concluding his feud with Emilio Charles Jr. ... Has a spectacular flying bodypress.

17 BROCK LESNAR (6'3", 295, 2, 87) Rarely has a wrestling nickname been as appropriate as "The Next Big Thing" ... The 2000 NCAA heavyweight champion is a natural ... Since making his WWE debut, has vastly altered his wrestling style ... Has yet to use his spectacular shooting star press or any of his formidable technical skills, though that hasn't hurt his win-loss record ... His confidence has improved tremendously since he signed with Paul Heyman. Having Heyman handle most of the interviews leaves Lesnar to focus on the wrestling ... We have to wonder if he's just waiting for the right time to unveil all his mat wrestling and aerial skills ... Earned a shot at the WWE World title at SummerSlam by winning the King of the Ring tourney ... Has had a great deal of trouble against Rob Van Dam, however.

18 MITSU HARU MISAWA (6'1", 238, 22, 8) The dominant Japanese heavyweight of the 1990s has slowed down considerably since the turn of the century ... Began his career as the second Tiger Mask in All-Japan Pro Wrestling ... Classic bouts with Toshiaki Kawada and Kenta Kobashi revolutionized not only All-Japan in the mid-1990s, but all of *puroresu* ... Now leads the Pro Wrestling NOAH group in Japan, after leaving AJPW with dozens of other wrestlers ... Feared for his trademark elbow strike ... Was the first man to hold the NOAH Global Honored Crown title ... Eventually lost the title to Jun Akiyama ... Five-time All-Japan Triple Crown holder ... Often tags with Yoshinari Ogawa and Takuma Sano ... Historic first appearance in New Japan this year yielded a time-limit draw with Masa Chono ... Inventor of the emerald erosion, his pet finisher.

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19 HULK HOGAN (6'8", 275, 23, NL) Returned to wrestling after a 16-month absence by defeating Curt Hennig at the XWF's TV tapings in November ... Reunited with Scott Hall and Kevin Nash for an NWO invasion of the WWF ... His match against The Rock at WrestleMania X8 will stand as one of the most dramatic matches of all-time ... The Toronto fans re-ignited "Hulkamania" by cheering Hogan and booing The Rock ... Trashed the black and



white and donned the red and yellow again ... Beat Triple-H for his sixth WWF/WWE World title at Backlash ... Lost the belt to The Undertaker one month later at Judgment Day, in a rematch from the 1991 Survivor Series ... Teamed with Edge to defeat Billy Gunn and Chuck Palumbo for the WWE World tag team title ... Knee problems are affecting his mobility in the ring.

20 WILLIAM REGAL (6'4", 257, 18, 61) Lost his job when Team WWF defeated Team Alliance at the Survivor Series ... Became the first inductee into Vince McMahon's "kiss my ass" club in order to get his job back ... It's uncertain whether he wore Chapstick before smooching Vinnie Mac's posterior ... Underwent surgery to correct his chronically bloody nose ... Used his trusty brass knuckles to beat Edge for the Intercontinental title ... Lost the I-C belt in the WrestleMania opener for the second year in a row ... Dropped it to Rob Van Dam this time ... Won the European title, but soon lost it to Spike Dudley ... Regained it from Little Spike ... Lost the belt to Jeff Hardy on Raw ... Must select a new

goal now that the European championship has been unified with the Intercontinental title.

21 EL HIJO DEL SANTO (5'6", 170, 20, 15) The most popular *tecnico* in all of Mexico continues to honor his father's legend ... Silver mask with teardrop-shaped eyes is the most famous mask in Lucha Libre ... Despite many bloody mask vs. mask matches, he has always kept his hood ... Regularly pops up in EMLL and in Tijuana ... Made a handful of appearances in the United States this year, in Texas and Southern California ... Alternately feuds and teams with Negro Casas ... Stars in several wrestling-themed movies, just like his father did ... *El caballo*, the camel clutch, is his signature submission hold.

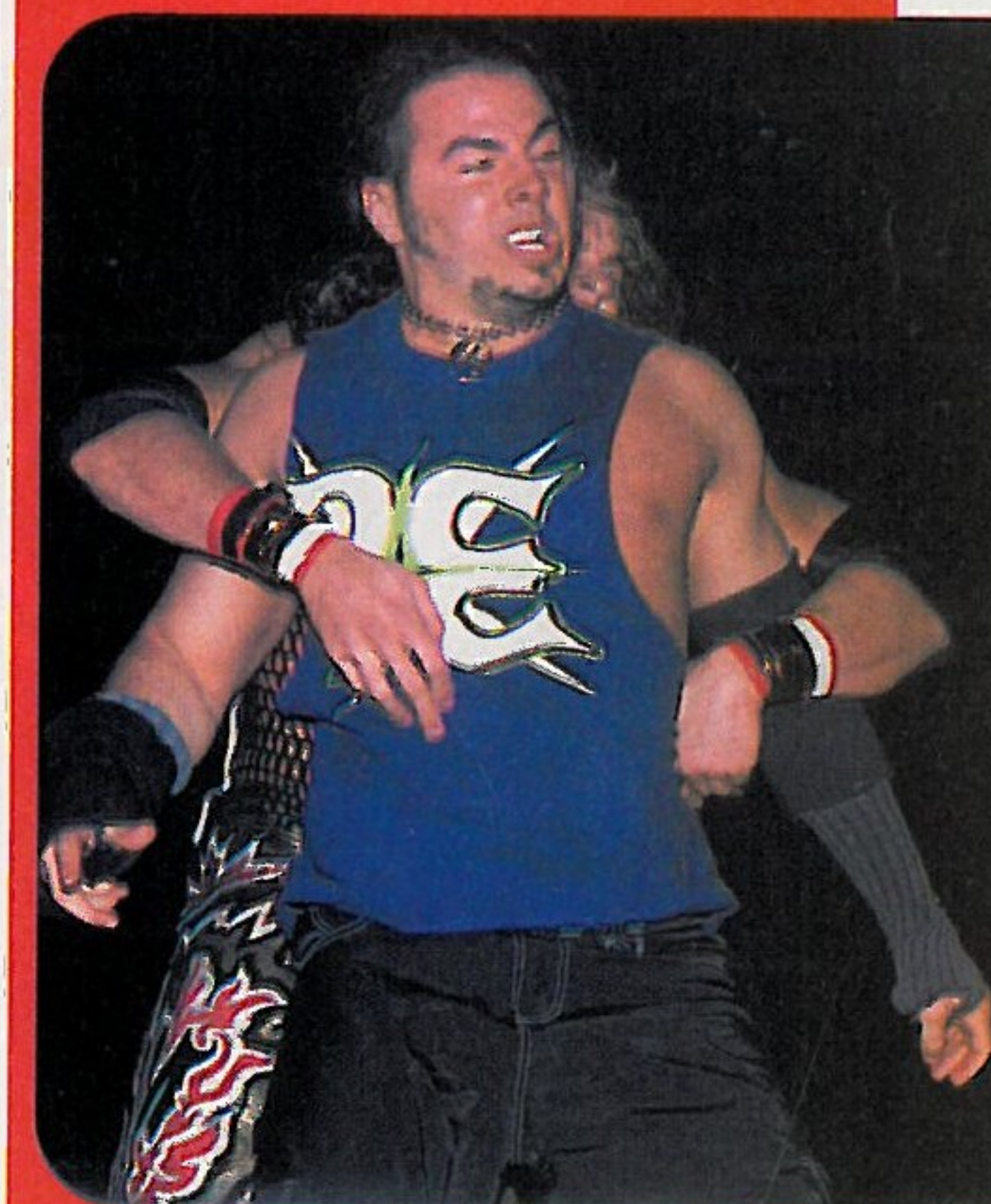
22 KENDO KA SHIN (5'9", 195, 10, 162) Former IWGP junior heavyweight champion vacated the title to follow Keiji Muto and Satoshi Kojima to All-Japan Pro Wrestling ... Became one of *puroresu's* most controversial figures in the wake of the New Japan departure ... Ill-tempered masked man had mixed results when he ventured into mixed martial arts competitions in the last year ... A former "Best Of The Super Junior" champion ... Rivalries with Kaz Hayashi and Masa Fuchi are heating up ... Didn't take him long to capture All-Japan's junior title ... His presence has helped liven up the long-dormant division ... Has international experience, including some training in Europe under William Regal ... Favorite hold is the *jujigatamae* armbar, a hold he can apply from virtually any angle, even in the very beginning of a match.

23 TAJIRI (5'7", 224, 8, 27) Lost the WWF light heavyweight title to WCW cruiserweight champ X-Pac at last year's SummerSlam ... In one of the most forgotten stories of 2001, Tajiri had a 13-day reign as U.S. champion after defeating Chris Kanyon ... Dropped the U.S. strap to Rhyno ... Seemed to have a loving relationship with Torrie Wilson ... Forced Wilson to wear a geisha outfit ... Wilson left Tajiri for Maven ... Became part of a weird trailer-park triangle with Jamie Noble and Nidia ... His octopus and tarantula are still crowd-pleasers ... Better as the ethnic oddball than the abusive boyfriend.

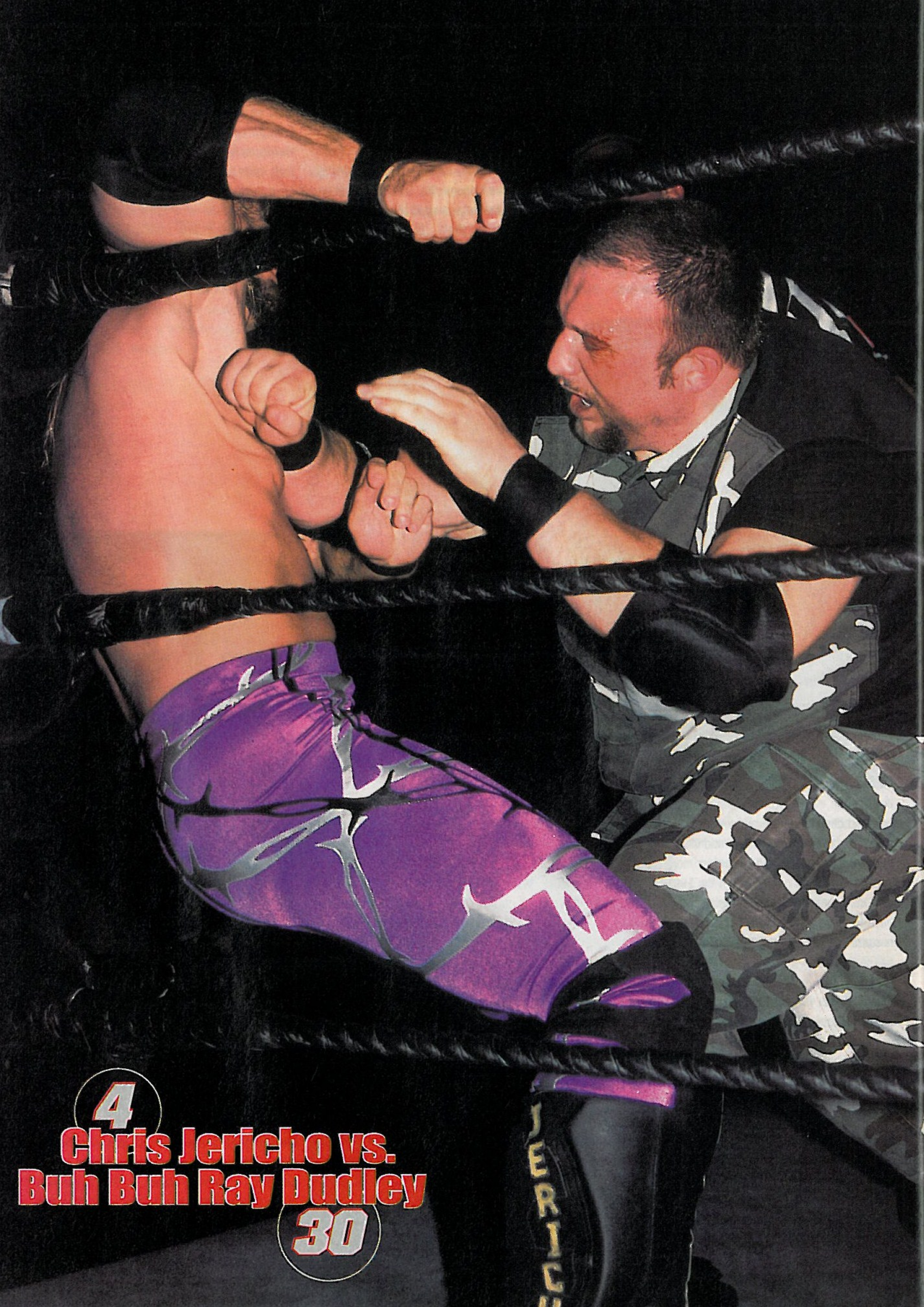
24 JEFF JARRETT (5'10", 230, 16, 24) Reigned as World Wrestling All-Stars champion ... Made extensive tours of Australia and Europe ... Left WWA to form NWA Total Nonstop Action with his father, Jerry ... Dropped the guitar and "slapnuts" routine ... Suplexed by country music

star Toby Keith at TNA's inaugural pay-per-view on June 19 ... The former NWA North American champ is major contender to the NWA heavyweight title ... He indeed has the "stroke" in NWA-TNA ... Few stars have such an impressive blend of youth and experience ... His finisher is the figure-four leglock.

25 MATT HARDY (6', 211, 8, 22) Seemed to turn heel at the end of 2001 as he became increasingly jealous of his girlfriend, Lita, and his brother, Jeff ... Battled Jeff in what was poised to be a long-term feud, but WWF officials weren't impressed with their performance ... Matt, Jeff, and Lita took a couple of months off ... His team with Jeff remained intact as both were drafted by Raw in the brand extension draft on April 1 ... Slipped to the background as Jeff enjoys more singles success ... Slightly more conservative than his brother in terms of ring style ... Fans still love his twist of fate finisher ... A multi-time WWE World tag team champion.



26 THE HURRICANE (6'1", 210, 11, 31) Lost some momentum when Team WWF vanquished Team Alliance at Survivor Series ... Retained his popularity upon his return despite his one-dimensional gimmick ... Emerged as a dominant WWE cruiserweight champion ... Said to be the ex-boyfriend of Nidia ... Not known whether he wore his cape in the trailer park ... Nidia recruited her boyfriend, Jamie Noble, to take The Hurricane's title ... Must be considered an underdog with Nidia and Tajiri in Noble's corner ... One of the world's best cruiserweights despite his funny character ... Only a matter of time before a comic-book villain challenges Hurricane.



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Chris Jericho vs.
Buh Buh Ray Dudley
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27 YOSHIHIRO TAKAYAMA

(6'4", 280, 10, NL) NOAH tag team specialist made his mark in singles competition this year ... Has all but abandoned No Fear partner Takao Omori, even though the two of them are former NOAH GHC tag champions ... Came quite close to winning the IWGP heavyweight title from Yuji Nagata in a cross-promotional match with New Japan ... Dabbles in mixed martial arts matches, but those really aren't his forte ... Thick, solid heavyweight is known for absorbing brutal punishment throughout matches without slowing down ... Has a devastating array of kicks in his arsenal.

28 BATISTA

(6'6", 325, 4, 257) Former "Demon Of The Deep" is stuck in bad gimmick purgatory ... As Leviathan, was the most dominant champion in OVW history, drawing comparisons to Goldberg ... Was upset for the title by Prototype (John Cena) who had to use an ether-soaked rag to get the job done ... Was sold up the river by manager Syxx after he lost the title and his services were sold to D-Von Dudley ... Lost his final OVW match to Seven ... Could trade gimmicks with Brock Lesnar and few people would notice the difference ... When he's not clocking people with collection boxes, uses a tremendously effective spear/powerbomb combo ... May be WWE's breakout star of 2003.

29 HECTOR GARZA

(5'10", 202, 8, 26) Long-time *technico* in AAA turned his back on the fans to join the *rudos* this past year ... Forever mixed up in the battles of Latin Lover, Heavy Metal, and Perro Aguayo Jr. ... Wrestled a few matches in the WCW cruiserweight division a few years ago ... Found his career stalling after he suffered a serious leg injury ... Probably in the best shape of his career right now ... Sometimes teams with El Dandy ... Brief stints in Europe have helped his mat game tremendously ... Very graceful in the air ... Best known for his corkscrew plancha, he also executes an in-ring variation of the move that he calls the Cancun tornado.

30 BUH BUH RAY DUDLEY

(6'2", 325, 8, 30) He and half-brother D-Von beat The Hardy Boyz for the WCW World tag team title last year ... They also defeated the Hardys for the WWF World tag team title at Survivor Series to unify the championships ... Became stooges for Vince McMahon by year's end ... The Dudley Boyz tag team were split due to the brand extension draft on April 1 ... Became a dominant hardcore champ on *Raw* ... The Buh Buh bomb is feared almost as much as the Dudleys' 3-D ... Has fared considerably better as a singles star than "Reverend" D-Von ... Reverted back to competition as of late as a partner of his other half-brother, Spike.

31 SATOSHI KOJIMA

(6', 243, 11, 85) Surrounded by controversy after departing his home promotion of New Japan Pro Wrestling in January to sign with All-Japan Pro Wrestling ... He joined Keiji Muto and Kendo Ka Shin in a move that became the biggest story of the year in *puroresu* ... A former IWGP tag team champion with Hiroyoshi Tenzan ... Never broke through to the top tier during his NJPW



33 RANDY ORTON

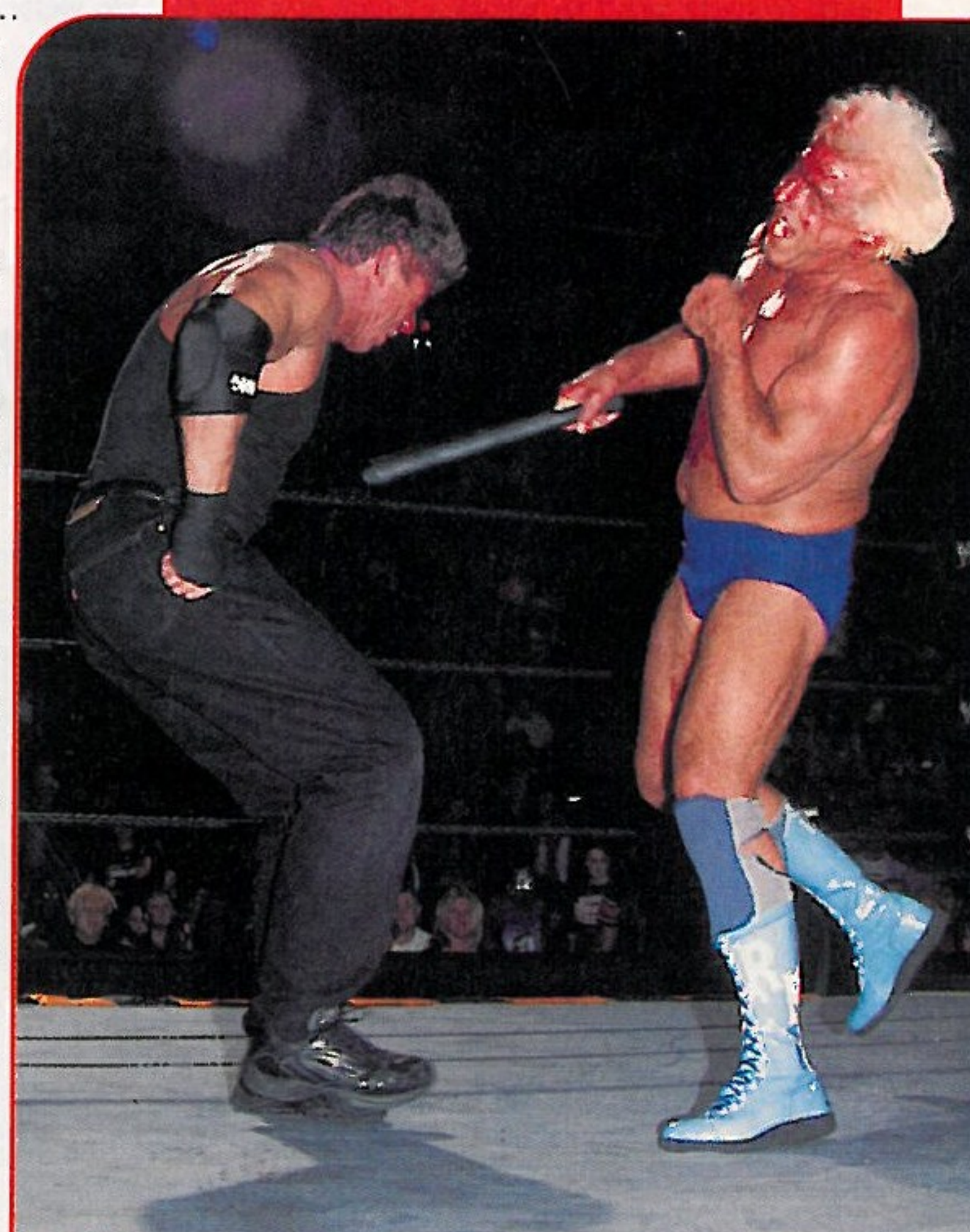
(6'5", 265, 2, 217) Third-generation star got a rough introduction to WWE, courtesy of Hardcore Holly ... 2001 *PWI* Rookie of the Year made a big splash upon his WWE debut, but his momentum seems to have stalled in recent months ... Stacy Keibler certainly takes notice whenever he enters a room, but that might not necessarily be a good thing ... Still gets some pointers from father "Cowboy" Bob Orton Jr. and grandfather Bob Orton Sr. ... Suffered a mild concussion against Batista in July ... Has a devastating wheelbarrow German suplex, but has yet to unveil it in WWE ... With a little more seasoning, he could contend for the Intercontinental title.

34 RIC FLAIR

(6'1", 243, 29, NL) Returned to wrestling on the November 19 broadcast of *Raw*, seven months after the demise of the Turner-owned WCW ... The 16-time world champion claimed Shane and Stephanie McMahon had sold him their shares of the WWF, effectively making him co-owner ... Had bloody match against Vince McMahon at Royal Rumble ... Lost another bloody one to The Undertaker at WrestleMania X8 ... Became exclusive owner of *Raw* following the April 1 brand extension draft ... Became drunk with power yet again in his career and turned against Steve Austin ... Lost to "Stone-Cold" in Austin's final televised match ... Claims to "have one last great run left" ... Steamrolled and "F-fived" by Brock Lesnar on *Raw* ... Has lost weight and is in better condition than he has been in years.

32 JEFF HARDY

(6', 211, 8, 17) He and Matt suffered several losses in late-2001, giving the impression that The Hardy Boyz tag team had run its course ... Lost the WCW and WWF World tag team titles to The Dudley Boyz in separate matches following brief title reigns ... Criticized for becoming complacent and perhaps not up to the challenge of being a major WWF superstar ... The Hardys and Lita were given "leaves of absence" last December ... Jeff, Matt, and Lita remained a unit on *Raw* following the brand extension draft ... Showed glimpses of his past promise by pushing WWE World champion The Undertaker to the limit in two matches on *Raw* ... Defeated William Regal for the European title ... Lost a European-Intercontinental unification match to Rob Van Dam on July 22 ... Still the boldest daredevil in WWE.



35 DR. WAGNER JR.

(5'9", 216, 16, 21) Evil medic can usually be seen in his all-white mask and trunks ... Long-time *rudo* with EMLL takes on all comers ... Also a favorite in Japan, where he has held New Japan's IWGP junior tag team title with Kendo Ka Shin ... His brother, Silver King, also follows in their father's footsteps ... The brothers have been both rivals and partners since breaking into the business ... Likes to use the Michinoku driver as a finishing move ... Pet submission hold is the Wagnerlock, a rolling ground octopus hold ... Regular teammates include Blue Panther and Fuerza Guerrera.



36 BRADSHAW

(6'7", 309, 10, 45) Emerged as a locker room leader during the Alliance's invasion of the WWF last year ... Accused of hazing new WWF employees ... The APA was split due to the brand extension draft ... Went to *Raw* ... Initially hailed as a top-tier babyface on par with Steve Austin, but WWE soon pulled back his push ... Captured the hardcore title ... Lost two quick matches to Chris Nowinski ... Dominated Nowinski in hardcore-rules matches ... His clothesline and kick to the face remain devastating ... Has passed the midway point of his career without realizing his full potential ... Considering the mood on Wall Street, Bradshaw probably won't be smoking cigars or drinking beer on CNBC anytime soon.

37 CHUCK PALUMBO

(6'6", 256, 2, 60) Following his dominance of the WCW tag team scene with Sean O'Haire and Shawn Stasiak in 2000, Palumbo has enjoyed an equally successful partnership with Billy Gunn in 2001-02 ... Chuck and Billy held the WWF/WWE World tag team title on two occasions ... They lost the belts to Hulk Hogan and Edge on *Smackdown* ... Sound wrestling skills and agility make up for his lack of charisma ... His braids make him look like Heidi.

38 KOJI KANEMOTO

(5'10", 200, 12, 259) Plagued by injuries for the last two years, Kanemoto is on his way back to New Japan stardom ... Briefly reprised his role as the third incarnation of Tiger Mask this year, teaming with Tiger Mask IV ... Part of Masa Chono's Team 2000 contingent ... A former IWGP junior heavyweight champion and tag titlist alongside Minoru Tanaka ... Feuded with Eddie Guerrero while Guerrero was in Japan between WWE stints ... Won the annual "Best Of The

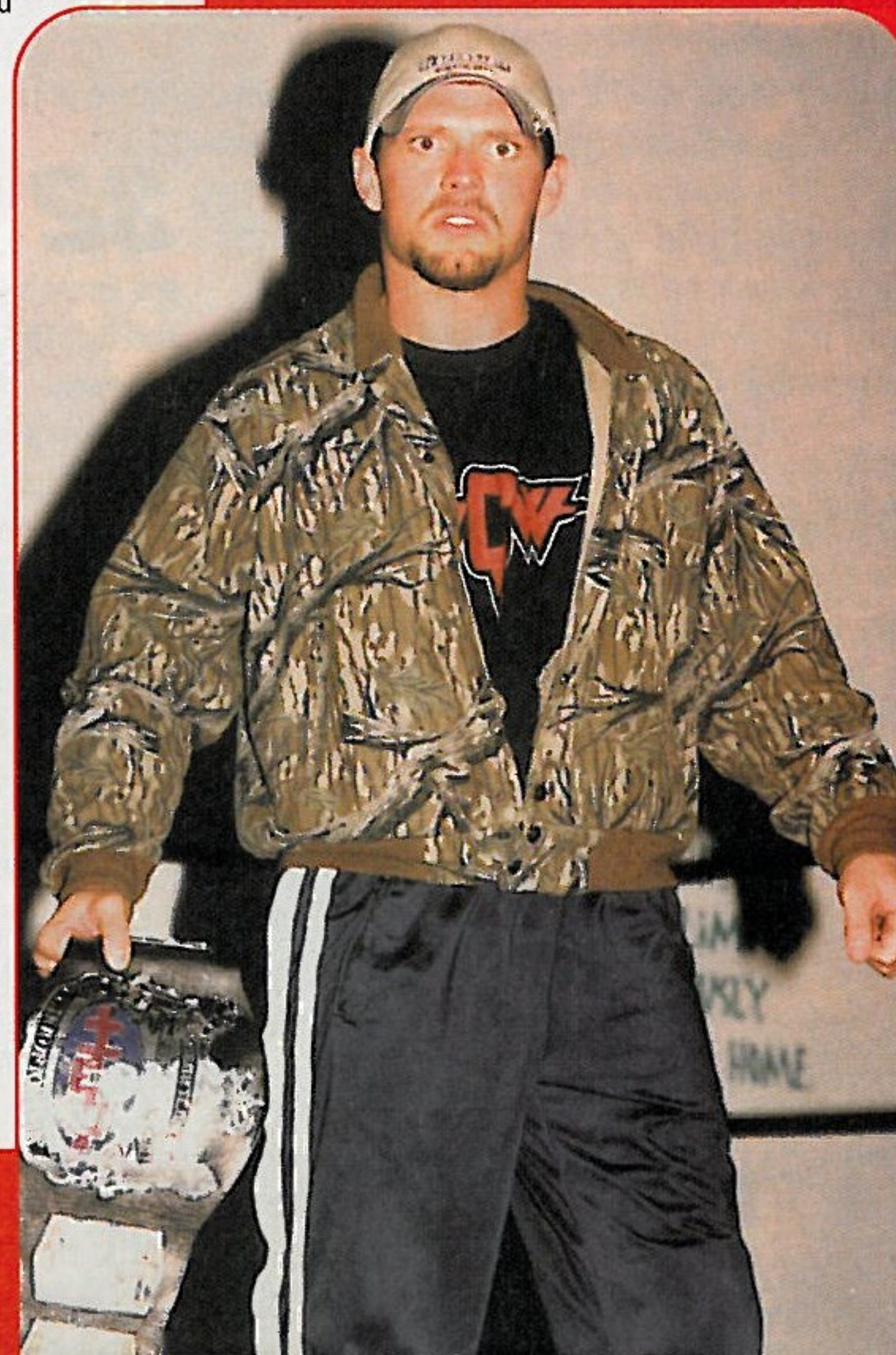
Super Junior" tourney in June ... It was the second time he won it ... Still uses the Tiger suplex as a finisher.

39 RIKISHI

(6'2", 423, 16, 97) Returned to the WWF after yet another injury that sidelined him for several months ... When Vince McMahon was forced to kiss The Rock's ass due to a prematch stipulation, the "Great One" invited his big-ass cousin to the ring ... McMahon was engulfed within his cheeks in no time ... McMahon assigned Rico to team with Rikishi against WWE tag champs Billy Gunn and Chuck Palumbo ... Rikishi carried Rico to victory ... Rico turned against Rikishi, causing them to lose the belts back to Billy and Chuck ... His stinkface still gets a rise out of the crowd ... A live-event favorite, but hasn't shown signs of much drawing power as of late.

40 TEST

(6'7", 302, 5, 37) Upset Kane at October's No Mercy for the biggest win of his career ... The WWF failed to follow that momentum with a strong push ... Beat Edge for the Intercontinental title on November 5 ... Dropped the I-C belt to U.S. champ Edge in a unification match at Survivor Series ... Wasn't forced to leave the WWF with his fellow Alliance members because he had won an immunity battle royal, meaning he couldn't be fired ... Hasn't made much of an impact in 2002 ... Joined two other bitter Canadians, Lance Storm and Christian, in an anti-American crusade ... His big foot hits higher and harder than Hulk Hogan's.



41 JUSHIN LIGER

(5'6", 208, 19, 25) Perennial junior heavyweight superstar has branched out this year, appearing not only in his home promotion of New Japan, but in Pro Wrestling NOAH as well ... Probably the most famous masked man in the history of *puroresu* ... Has held the IWGP junior title 11 times, and has a variety of tournament wins, from the J-Cup to "Best Of The Super Junior," to his credit as well ... Has formed championship teams with the likes of The Great Sasuke, El Samurai, and Minoru Tanaka over the years ... Inventor of the Liger bomb and shooting star press ... Revered for his brutal palm strikes and brainbusters.

42 JAMIE NOBLE

(5'8", 190, 8, 212) Beat Matt Stryker in the 2002 Super 8 before losing to the eventual winner Donovan Morgan in the semifinals ... Competed in the Heartland Wrestling Association, where he feuded with Stryker and teamed with The Big Valbowski ... Debuted in WWE with Nidia at his side ... Beat The Hurricane for the cruiserweight title at King of the Ring ... Formed a strange alliance with Tajiri ... Embraced a redneck gimmick that suits him well ... Previously known as "Jamie-san" of WCW's Jung Dragons.

43 BILLY GUNN

(6'5", 268, 10, 125) After failing to become a major WWF singles star, Gunn rededicated himself to tag team competition ... Bonded with Chuck Palumbo and won the WWE World tag team title twice ... Boasts an unprecedented 10 WWF/WWE World tag team championships ... Billy and Chuck dropped the belts to Rico and Rikishi for a while, and lost them again to Hulk Hogan and Edge ... Executes the famasser and rocker dropper to perfection.

44 LA PARKA

(6', 230, 15, 104) One of the most enduring characters in Lucha Libre ... More popular than ever in Tijuana ... Has had his troubles with the Lucha Commission this past year and had a number of fines and suspensions levied against him ... Made a name for himself in AAA and was catapulted to superstardom ... Long feud with Rey Misterio Sr. has been one of Mexico's hottest rivalries this past year ... Loves to brawl into the audience during his matches ... Appeared in the United States for the first time since his WCW days, working with independent groups like Major League Wrestling and CHIKARA ... Favorite move is the twisting senton from the turnbuckles, but he's best known for his swinging a steel chair so skillfully.

45 JERRY LYNN

(5'7", 224, 14, 49) The former ECW World champion was released by the WWF this year ... It was suggested that the creative team couldn't find a spot for him ... Lost his opportunity for long-awaited matches with Rob Van Dam and X-Pac ... Finally found some appreciation back on the Minnesota independent scene, where he became a standout more than a decade ago ... Competed in World Wrestling All-Stars as well as many of the higher-profile independents in the country ... Now a top cruiserweight in TNA's X division.

46 JOHN CENA

(6', 250, 2, 281) "Who the hell are you?" "I'm John Cena." ... The former Prototype demonstrated his "ruthless aggression" by answering Kurt Angle's open challenge and nearly upsetting the Olympic champion ... Was so impressive even The Undertaker felt compelled to say something nice ... Joined the debuting Rey Misterio Jr. and Edge to drive the Anti-Americans out of the ring on the July 25 *Smackdown* ... Jim Ross called them "the future of *Smackdown*" ... As OVW champion, was the centerpiece of Bolin Services ... His OVW unbeaten streak was broken by David Flair, but used an ether-soaked rag to beat Leviathan (Bautista) for the OVW title days later ... Lost OVW title to Nova

... Trained by Rick Bassman, the man who trained Sting ... Has tremendous mike skills.



47 CHRISTIAN

(6'1", 225, 7, 29) The long-predicted breakup of Edge and Christian happened late last summer ... Christian actually emerged the stronger of the two in their ensuing feud, in terms of promos and overall entertainment value ... Beat Edge for the Intercontinental title, but lost it back to his former partner a short while later ... Defeated Bradshaw to become "champion of Europe" ... Lost the belt to Dallas Page ... Page became his motivational coach ... Turned against Page, but DDP still beat Christian at WrestleMania X8 ... Now part of a pro-Canadian, anti-American clique with Lance Storm and Test ... His reverse DDT is effective even against larger foes.



48 JUN AKIYAMA

(6', 231, 10, 39) Former NOAH Global Honored Crown champion has hit a slump since losing the title to Yoshinari Ogawa ... Began his career in the rings of All-Japan Pro Wrestling, but has only broken into the ranks of superstardom in Japan over the last two years (since he joined NOAH) ... Has one of the most effective front chancery holds in all of wrestling ... Charismatic young wrestler has a style similar to the one made popular by his mentor, Mitsuharu Misawa, throughout the 1990s ... Favorite suplex is the exploder, which he uses to finish off opponents.

49 THE BIG SHOW

(7'2", 500, 7, 72) Career still seemed directionless in 2001 and the early months of 2002 ... Lost to both Kane and Booker T in less than three minutes on WWF television ... Turned against Steve Austin and defected to the NWO—a group he has joined and left countless times ... Became a staple of the NWO with X-Pac, especially after the release of Scott Hall ... The former WWF and WCW champ relies almost exclusively on the choke-slam as his finishing move these days ... His future is less certain than ever following the final demise of the NWO in July.

50 NICHOLAS EL MILLIONARIO

(5'10", 198, 11, 33) Changed his name to avoid confusion with AAA's impostor Psicosis, but still goes by Psicosis in occasional appearances in the U.S. ... Long-time rival of Rey Misterio Jr. ... Arguably the top star in the red-hot Tijuana wrestling wars right now ... Sometimes appears with the WWA on international tours, and even pops up on the American independent scene from time to time ... A veteran of ECW, WCW, WAR, AAA, and many other companies ... Hasn't enjoyed the same popularity stateside since losing his mask several years ago ... Has been teaming with the likes of Damien and Halloween to try to capture the trios title in EMLL ... Wild high-flyer shows no signs of slowing down ... Pet move is the top-rope legdrop.

51 Taiyo Kea vs. Vampiro



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51 TAIYO KEA (6'1", 240, 8, 55) One-half of All-Japan's tag team champions alongside partner Keiji Muto ... Has quickly grown into a top star thanks to hard work and the undeniable popularity of his pairing with Muto ... Key player in the cross-promotional BATT stable ... Hawaii native has spent most of his career with All-Japan ... Made a rare stateside appearance in the summer with Major League Wrestling in Philadelphia ... Advanced to the finals of the tournament to crown MLW's first champion, then lost to Shane Douglas ... Throws an array of kicks throughout his matches to break down opponents ... Calls his version of Marc Mero's "TKO" Ace crusher the Hawaiian smasher.

52 SHINYA HASHIMOTO (5'11", 287, 18, 47) One of the biggest names in *puroresu* for the last two decades is the top star of Zero-One in Japan ... Briefly held the NWA heavyweight title before losing it to Dan Severn ... Briefly toured the United States, where he destroyed American opponents from coast to coast ... Returned to the promotion in which he first tasted superstardom, New Japan Pro Wrestling, to team with his sometimes-rival Naoya Ogawa against Scott Norton and Hiroyoshi Tenzan ... A three-time former IWGP heavyweight champion ... Part of the same training group that spawned Keiji Muto and Masa Chono in the 1980 ... Feared for his powerful, accurate kicks ... His matches with Nobuhiko Takada in the 1990s set Japanese wrestling attendance records that still stand today ... Noted for his brutal brainbuster and leaping DDT.

53 BILLY KIDMAN (5'10", 195, 7, 38) Regained the WCW cruiserweight title from X-Pac on October 9 of last year ... Lost the belt to Tajiri only two weeks later ... Missed a couple of months due to the Alliance's demise at Survivor Series and nagging injuries ... Returned to WWE this spring with a bulkier physique ... The reinvigorated Kidman uses the shooting star press more often now than he did in WCW's final days ... Won the cruiserweight belt yet again ... Defended ex-girlfriend Torrie Wilson's honor against Tajiri ... Resisted an on-air reunion with Torrie despite their real life relationship ... The WWE cruiserweight division should heat up for the first time now that friend and rival Rey Misterio Jr. is on Smackdown.

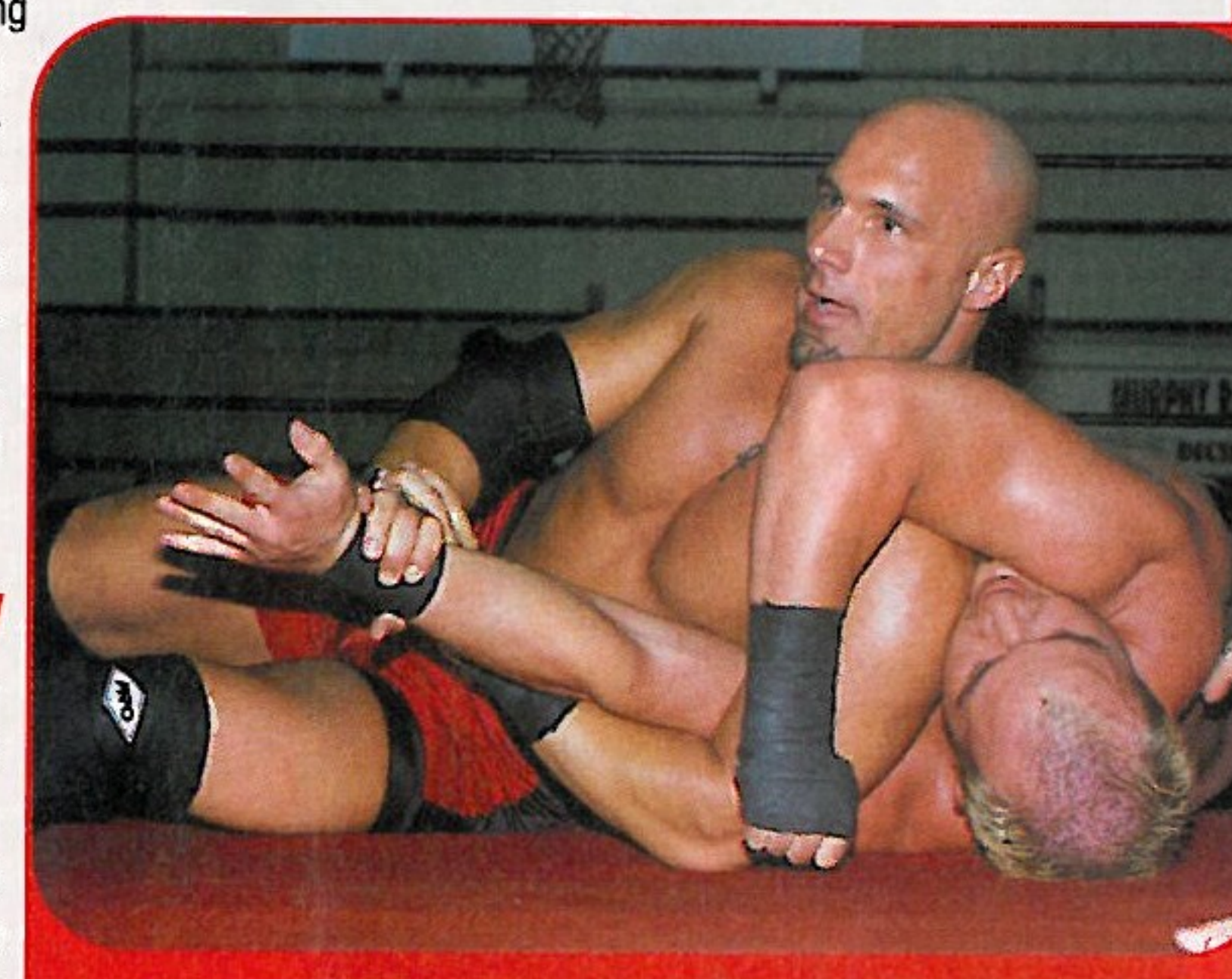
54 VADER (6'5", 422, 17, 48) Former WCW World heavyweight champion feels quite at home in the rings of Pro Wrestling NOAH in Japan ... Still one of the most respected competitors



56 LANCE STORM (5'10", 231, 12, 13) Lost his job along with the rest of the Alliance at Survivor Series ... Worked as a dishwasher and floor-scrubber at WWF New York to make ends meet ... Ric Flair gave Storm repeated opportunities to reclaim a spot in WWE, but he lost most of those matches ... Finally went on a mini-winning streak ... Railed against America for being arrogant and meddling in other countries' affairs ... Accused WWE referees of being biased against Canadians ...

Formed an anti-American clique with Christian and Test ... He and Christian beat Hulk Hogan and Edge for the WWE World tag team title at Vengeance ... His Canadian maple leaf is one of wrestling's most effective submission holds ... Hasn't regained the momentum he had in WCW's final year.

in Japan, but years of in-ring abuse have begun to take their toll on the big man ... Has feuded with just about every dominant heavyweight in the current wrestling era, from Sting to Antonio Inoki, from Bret Hart to Mistuharu Misawa ... Bounced back nicely from a number of injuries, including a broken arm that almost ended his career ... The only American to ever hold both New Japan's IWGP title and All-Japan's Triple Crown ... Still pulls out his awesome moonsault press from time to time ... Handily puts



57 CHRISTOPHER DANIELS (6', 210, 9, 65) The most accomplished independent wrestler in the business today ... Teamed with Jayson Reign to defeat Low-Ki and Airborne for the Midwest Championship Wrestling tag team title ... They lost the belts to The Furies ... Won the NWA Florida State title in a four-way match also involving Scoot Andrews, Mike Sullivan, and defending champ Danny Doring on June 29 ... Lost the belt back to Doring a day later ... Captured the Ultimate Pro Wrestling title in three-way match also involving Frankie Kazarian and defending champ Samoa Joe ... Dropped the belt to Tom Howard two months later ... The most hated wrestler in New Jersey's Phoenix Championship Wrestling ... Nickname is "Fallen Angel" ... Competes in Japan as Curry Man ... Recently signed with NWA-TNA.

opponents down for the count with his high-angle power bomb ... Regularly teams with Scorpio in Japan—the duo is known as Big and Bad.

55 KANE (6'7", 345, 8, 16) He and The Undertaker were the first duo to reign as WWF and WCW World tag team champions simultaneously in August and September of last year ... The "Brothers Of Destruction" lost both titles in September ... Suffered a humiliating defeat to Test at No Mercy in October ... Tried to defend *Raw* against the NWO in February and March ... The victim of a gang-style NWO attack backstage ... X-Pac stole his mask and wore it to the ring for the next several months ... Spent much of the past six months rehabbing old injuries.

58 REY MISTERIO JR. (5'3", 149, 11, 198) Former WCW cruiserweight and tag team champion is one of wrestling's hottest properties right now ... Short stint in the WWE developmental program ended when he exploded onto the national scene once again ... Spearheaded the Lucha Libre invasion in the late-1990s that revolutionized American wrestling ... Appeared regularly in both Mexico and Puerto Rico, but has a rabid fan following across the globe ... Lost his mask in Mexico and the U.S. several years ago, but donned it once again for his WWE return ... Nephew of Rey Misterio Sr. ... Makes up for his lack of size with blinding speed and great finesse ... Matches up nicely with the likes of Chavo Guerrero Jr. and Tajiri ... Loves to use the huracanrana.

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59 SCOTT HALL (6'8", 290, 17, 98)

Following some tours of Japan, Hall reunited with Kevin Nash and Hulk Hogan to mount an NWO invasion of the WWF ... Hall, Nash, and Hogan cost Steve Austin his match against World champ Chris Jericho at No Way Out ... Became the NWO's point man against Austin ... Lost to "Stone-Cold" at WrestleMania X8 ... His partying ways resurfaced, despite his sober behavior and strong matches at the beginning of his WWE stint ... Released by WWE after "unprofessional" conduct during a European tour ... Appeared at TNA's inaugural pay-per-view, but failed to win the NWA title at that event's "Gauntlet For The Gold" ... Surprisingly athletic for a man his size who happens to be in his early-40s ... The Outsiders' edge is still impressive.

60 MASA CHONO (5'11", 245, 19, 63)

Team 2000 leader is still one of puroresu's most popular superstars ... Serious neck and back injuries have slowed this veteran over the years ... Continues to team regularly with Hiroyoshi Tenzan; the two have held numerous tag titles together ... Blasts foes with his Yakuza kick ... Trained in the same group as Keiji Muto and Shinya Hashimoto ... Pet hold has always been the STF, which he learned from Lou Thesz ... A former NWA and IWGP heavyweight champion.

61 ULTIMO GUERRERO (6', 200, 9, 154)

One-half of Mexico's hottest tag team right now ... He and partner Rey Bucanero are tearing through the competition in EMLL ... The duo lost and then won back the CMLL tag title from El Hijo del Santo and Negro Casas this year ... Sometimes teams with Tarzan Boy for trios bouts as Los Infernos ... The name was created when they lost the right to call themselves Los Infernales to Satanico ... Feuds with the likes of Shocker, Black Warrior, and Mr. Niebla continue to escalate ... Has managed to keep his mask for years, but thus far has been wise to avoid a mask vs. mask match with Santo, who continues to challenge him.

62 RAVEN (6'1", 243, 15, 53)

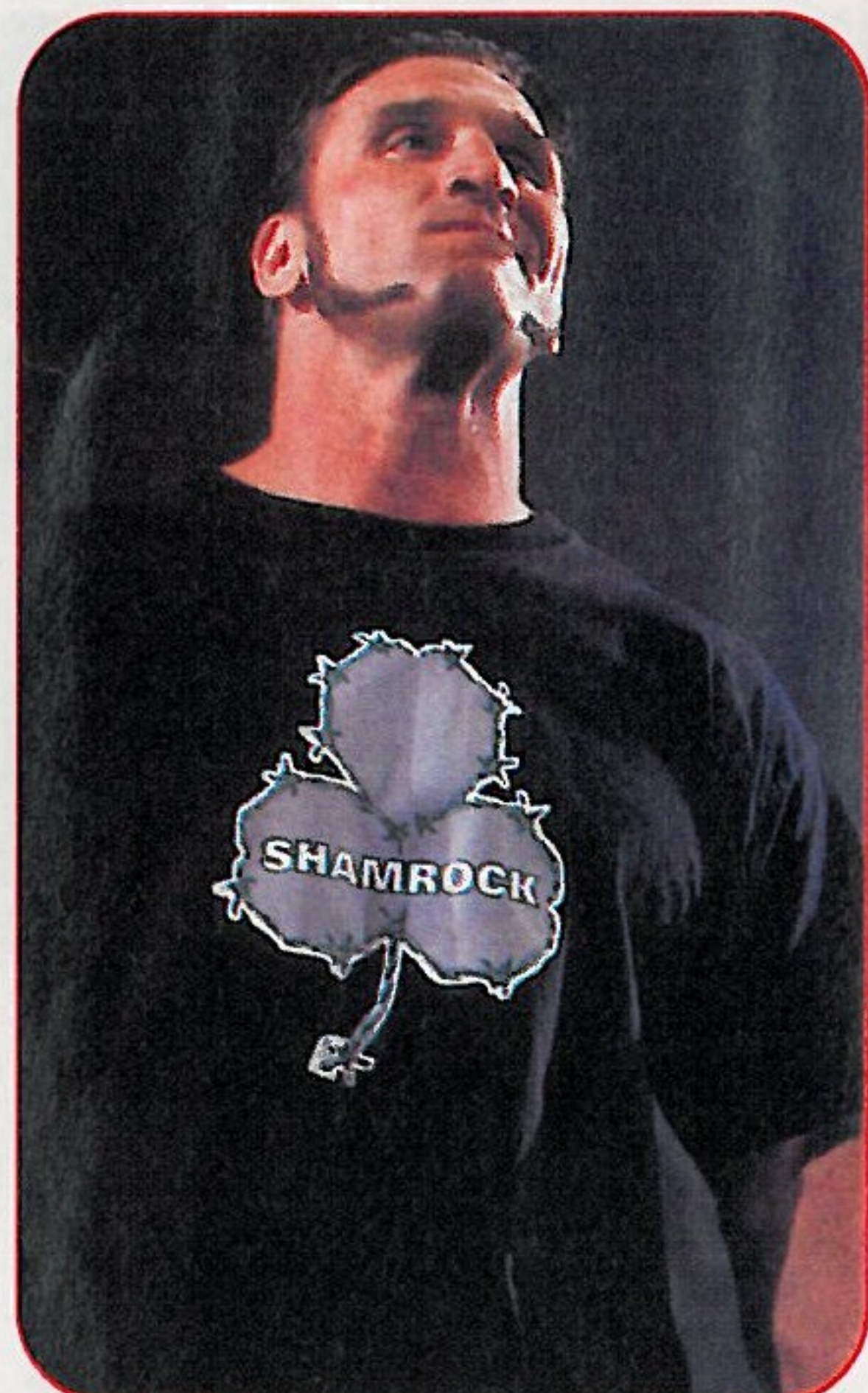
Spent nearly a year-and-a-half wrestling almost exclusively in hardcore matches ... Disappeared with the rest of the Alliance following Survivor Series ... Went to Raw following the brand extension draft ... Did an excellent job as Jonathan Coachman's co-host on *Excess* and *Sunday Night Heat* ... Reminded longtime fans of Johnny Polo's witty banter with Gorilla Monsoon on *All-American Wrestling* ... Asked to be returned to the active roster ... Lost to Tommy Dreamer in a "loser-leaves-WWE" match in yet another installment in the



Raven-Dreamer saga ... Depends more on broomsticks and fire extinguishers than his evenflow DDT ... A WWE return is likely if Raven—and the creative team—can find a loophole.

63 YOSHINARI OGAWA (5'10", 239, 9, 216)

Probably the most unlikely NOAH Global Honored Crown champion, this junior heavyweight upset Jun Akiyama for the title and has been hanging on to the belt ever since ... Held off challenges from big men like Akira Taue ...



Long-time tag team partner and protege of Mitsuharu Misawa ... Held the junior heavyweight title three times during his days with All-Japan Pro Wrestling ... Claims he'll be the first junior heavyweight to win all three titles in NOAH, including the tag belts ... Best known for his combinations of lariats and jawbreakers.

64 GOLDUST (6'5", 260, 13, NL)

Made a guest appearance at this year's Royal Rumble ... His slimmed-down physique and enthusiastic effort prompted to WWE officials to offer him a full-time contract ... Tried to play mind games with Rob Van Dam, but RVD's response was "Whatever" ... Worked on young Maven next, and captured the hardcore title ... Pursued a friendship with a reluctant Booker T ... Emerged as an effective tag team despite Booker's reservations ... Loyal to Booker T, even after "The Bookerman" was ousted from the NWO ... Masqueraded as the "Crocodile Hunter" in a hilarious vignette ... His "golden globes" move is scary ... Has experienced an unlikely creative rebirth in 2002.

65 KEN SHAMROCK (6'1", 235, 13, NL)

Took a break from Ultimate Fighting competition to join NWA-TNA ... Entered the "Gauntlet For The Gold" at the promotion's inaugural pay-per-view on June 19 ... Defeated Malice (formerly known as The Wall) in the final for the vacant NWA title, with Rick Steamboat as the special referee ... Some say Shamrock's anklelock makes Kurt Angle's pale in comparison ... A showdown with former NWA champ and UFC rival Dan Severn seems inevitable.

66 REY BUCANERO (5'11", 197, 8, 166)

Along with partner Ultimo Guerrero, Bucanero has been red-hot in EMLL rings of late ... Together they won back the CMLL tag title they had lost earlier in the year to Negro Casas and El Hijo del Santo ... Teamed with Pirata Morgan before hooking up with Guerrero and Tarzan Boy ... Part of Los Infernales when they lost that name to Satanico ... The group has renamed themselves Los Infernos ... Lost his mask just a few years ago, but it hasn't hurt his career ... Slimmed down a bit, which has helped him improve his in-ring speed and stamina ... Always battling Shocker and a host of EMLL *technicos* ... Has a great-looking top-robe power bomb finisher.

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67 SHANNON MOORE (5'10", 177, 7, 92)

This cruiserweight sensation has been toiling in Heartland Wrestling Association for most of the year as a WWE developmental wrestler ... Held the HWA cruiserweight title several times ... Has recently moved up to the WWE main roster, finally getting matches on house shows, *Heat*, and *Velocity* ... Should do well in WWE given that his Carolina contemporaries are Matt and Jeff Hardy as well as The Hurricane ... This daredevil high-flyer has learned to mix his aerial techniques with more intricate mat work.

68 SCORPIO (5'11", 229, 13, 143)

High-flying sensation is now a regular with Pro Wrestling NOAH in Japan ... Has competed under a variety of names over the years, including Flash Funk, Flying Wazama, and 2 Cold Scorpio ... Experience in WCW, ECW, WWF, and New Japan has made Scorpio one of the most well-rounded wrestlers active today ... A former ECW TV champion ... Formed Big and Bad with regular tag partner Vader ... They have faced off with the likes of No Fear and the Double Takeshis ... Originator of the Scorpio splash, or as it's more commonly known, the 450 splash ... Remains one of the most graceful aerialists in the business.

69 TARZAN BOY (5'8", 195, 8, 171)

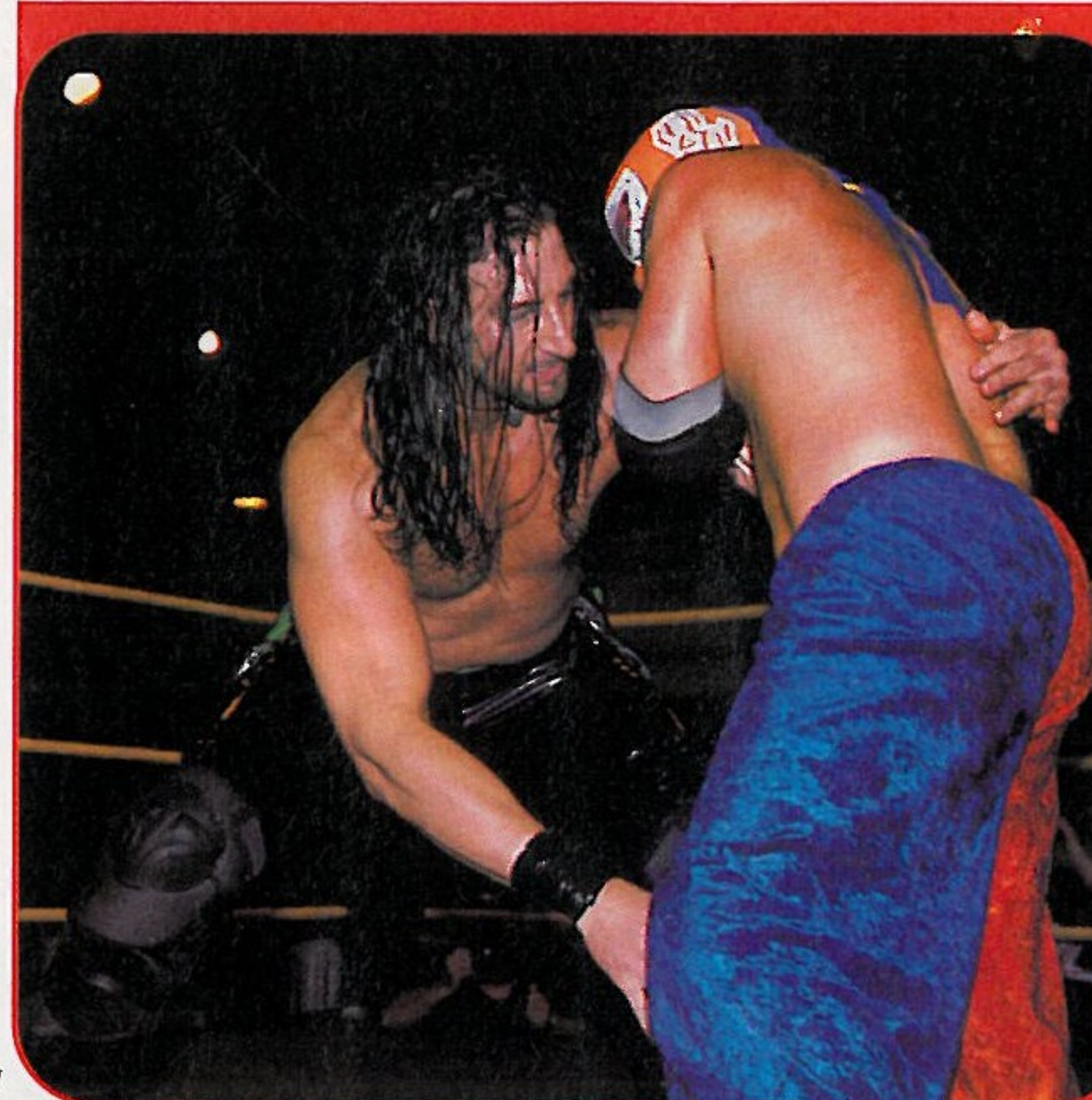
Hated *rudo* hasn't had much luck in his title matches with CMLL light heavyweight champion Shocker ... Sometimes teams with Rey Bucanero and Ultimo Guerrero; the three feuded seemingly endlessly with El Satanico over the rights to the name Los Infernales ... Now the trio is called Los Infernos ... Serious injuries in the past few years haven't hampered his mat game any ... Caught up in a battle with the *technico* team of El Hijo del Santo, Shocker, Mascara Magica, and others ... Chiseled physique hasn't won him many fans, as his cocky attitude turned Lucha lovers against him more than a year ago, and their attitude toward him hasn't changed ... Better off in a tag team environment than in singles matches.

70 A.J. STYLES (5'10", 202, 5, 199)

Defeated Xavier and Red in the 2002 Super 8, but lost to Donovan Morgan in the final ... Wrestled Tony Kozina on another East Coast Wrestling Association show ... Won the World Wrestling All-Stars cruiserweight title ... The first NWA-TNA X champion ... A former NWA Wildside champion ... Went to Cincinnati to participate in a WWF tryout camp in February ... His finishers are the Styles clash and the shooting Styles press.

71 SEAN O'HAIRE (6'6", 270, 2, 43)

The former Natural Born Thriller has become more aggressive since being named the director of security for Bolin Services in Ohio Valley Wrestling ... Rarely uses his vaunted Seanton bomb anymore, opting for more power maneuvers instead ... Easily handled the 400-pound Mr. Black in a feud between BS thugs



... Utilizes more of his kickboxing skills in the ring, and it's made him more dangerous ... Also seems more comfortable behind the microphone, though he often comes across like a lunatic ... A feud with partner The Prototype (John Cena) always seemed to be simmering beneath the surface, but Kenny Bolin kept the two on the same side.

72 DEVON STORM (6'2", 232, 10, 91)

This former WCW standout hasn't lost any momentum while on the indies ... Joined NWA-TNA as a member of James Mitchell's evil clique and was rechristened Tempest ... His unique blend of hardcore antics and aerial acrobatics are still unnerving to even the most seasoned of opponents ... Best known as Crowbar, but returned to his current name in recent months ... Wrestles all over North America and has toured Europe ... Appeared on the WWA pay-per-views as well as for some of the higher profile promotions in the country.

73 TOKYO MAGNUM (5'11", 201, 5, 44)

Top star of Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon group, based in Japan and Mexico ... Charismatic fan favorite delights female fans with his dancing ... Feuded with Masaaki Mochizuki and his M2K teammates throughout the year ... Often teams with the likes of Dragon Kid and Ryo Saito ... Won the El Numero Uno tournament in April ... Has experience all over the globe, including a brief but memorable stint in WCW ... Skillful in the air, he calls his graceful shooting star press the AV press ... Finishing move is a pumphandle slam-turned-Michinoku driver known as the Viagra driver.

74 THE BIG VALBOWSKI (6'2", 250, 7, 127)

Sidelined by a neck injury for several months of 2001 and spent the fall in Heartland Wrestling Association rehabbing it ... Sided with Edge in his feud with Christian ... Didn't regain a prominent role until picked by *Smackdown* in the brand extension draft ... Formed a veteran team with Hardcore Holly ... Still uses the money shot, a splash from the top rope, as his finishing move ... Probably the most underutilized wrestler in WWE ... A name-change and character-revamp is in order.



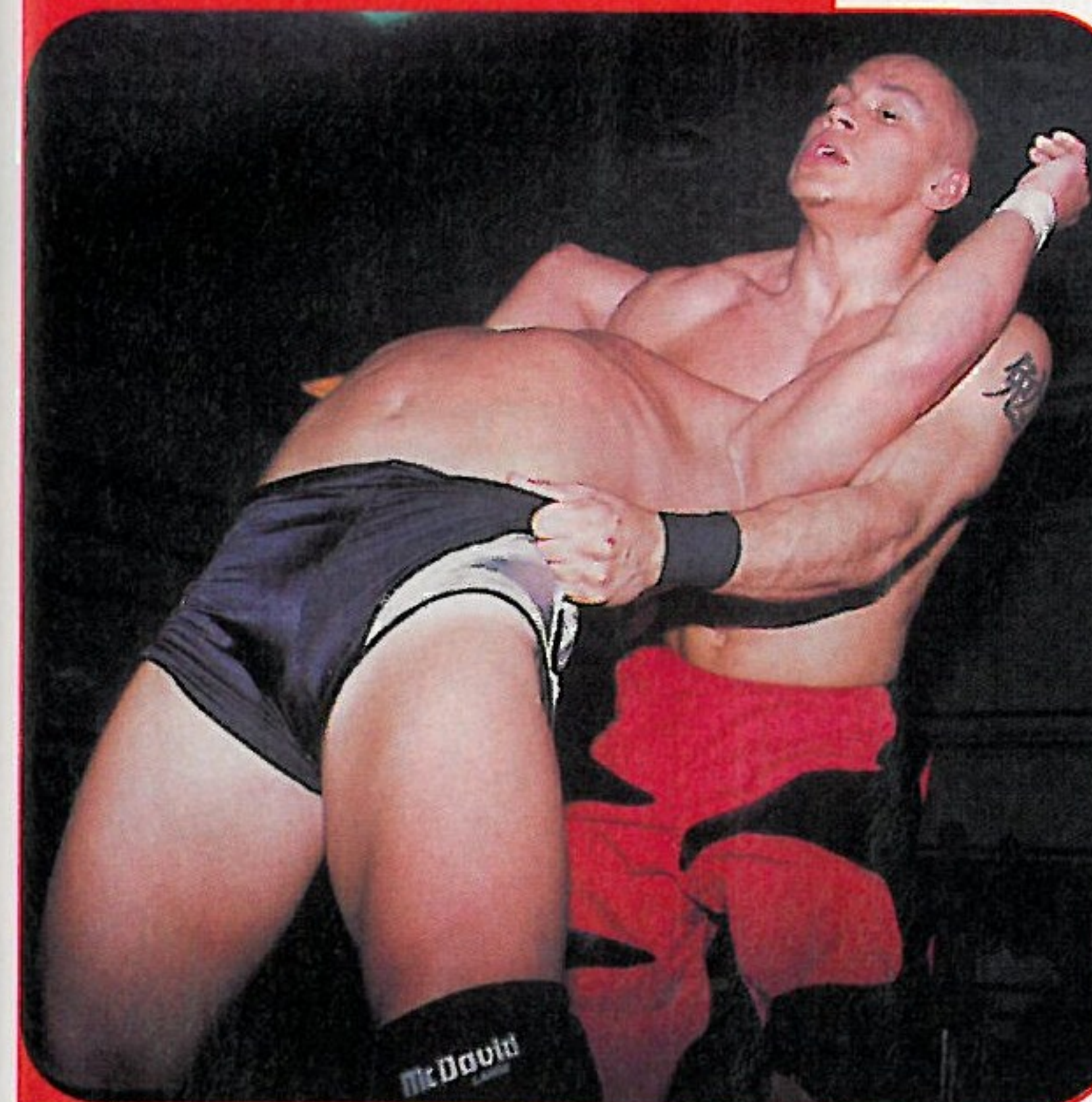
75 Donovan Morgan vs. Pepper Parks



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75 DONOVAN MORGAN (6', 220, 6, 176) Competes for Japan's Pro Wrestling NOAH and California's Pro Wrestling Iron ... Teams with Michael Modest as Excellence Inc. ... They competed in NOAH's first GHC tag tournament ... Defeated NWA Wildside champ A.J. Styles in a tournament final to win the 2002 Super 8 ... His *puroresu*-inspired finisher is a variation of a sitting chicken wing piledriver.

76 LOW-KI (5'8", 170, 4, 170) He and American Dragon held the East Coast Wrestling Association tag team title for a year ... That alliance turned into a bitter feud, and former NWA World champion Rick Steamboat officiated one of their classic matches ... Known for his strong style and blistering kicks ... One of the hottest stars in the NWA-TNA X division ... Participated in a spectacular four-way match also involving Dragon, Christopher Daniels, and Scoot Andrews ... Also battled Sabu, A.J. Styles, and Xavier ... Made it to the final of All Pro Wrestling's King of the Indies tournament in California ... Also competes in Florida and promotions all over the Northeast, including Ring of Honor.



77 ATLANTIS (5'6", 185, 19, 89) EMLL *technico* proves that some things really do get better with age ... Veteran of Lucha Libre is back on top and still wears his trademark white and blue mask ... Biggest match to date saw him retain his hood against Villano III in March of 2000 on pay-per-view ... Captained a team consisting of Mr. Niebla and Black Warrior that captured the trios title from Dr. Wagner, Fuerza Guerrera, and Blue Panther ... One of the pio-

neers of the high-flying, daredevil style that's so common today ... Signature hold is *La Atlantida*, a variation of the torture rack backbreaker.

78 TOMMY DREAMER (6'3", 265, 13, 78) His only high-profile role in the Alliance was to pass by the camera to get a coffee ... Received a surprising push on *Raw* this past spring ... Dreamer's tendency to swallow disgusting things finally got him over in WWE ... Which tasted better, The Undertaker's previously-salivated chewing tobacco or his own vomit? ... Wrestled The Undertaker for the WWE World title in an exciting match on *Raw* ... Career may be prolonged in WWE because its hardcore demands are significantly less than ECW's ... Uses the Spicolli driver as his finishing maneuver, but his matches usually don't end that conventionally.

79 TIGER MASK IV (5'7", 178, 12, 76) Follows in the proud tradition of Satoru Sayama, Mitsuharu Misawa, and Koji Kanemoto as the fourth man to don the hood of Tiger Mask ... Teamed with Tiger Mask III (Kanemoto) this year in New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Makes his home in Michinoku Pro, where he teams with the promotion's other top stars, Great Sasuke and Gran Hamada ... Style, grace, and

speed are amazingly similar to the original Tiger Mask's ... Was expected to miss several months of action after a serious arm and shoulder injury, but returned to the ring in a matter of weeks ... Has pinpoint accuracy with his array of kicks to the head and chest ... Originated the millennium suplex hold, a German-style suplex executed while holding a chicken wing crossface ... Best known for the Tiger suplex, like his predecessors, but also likes the Tiger driver as a finishing maneuver.

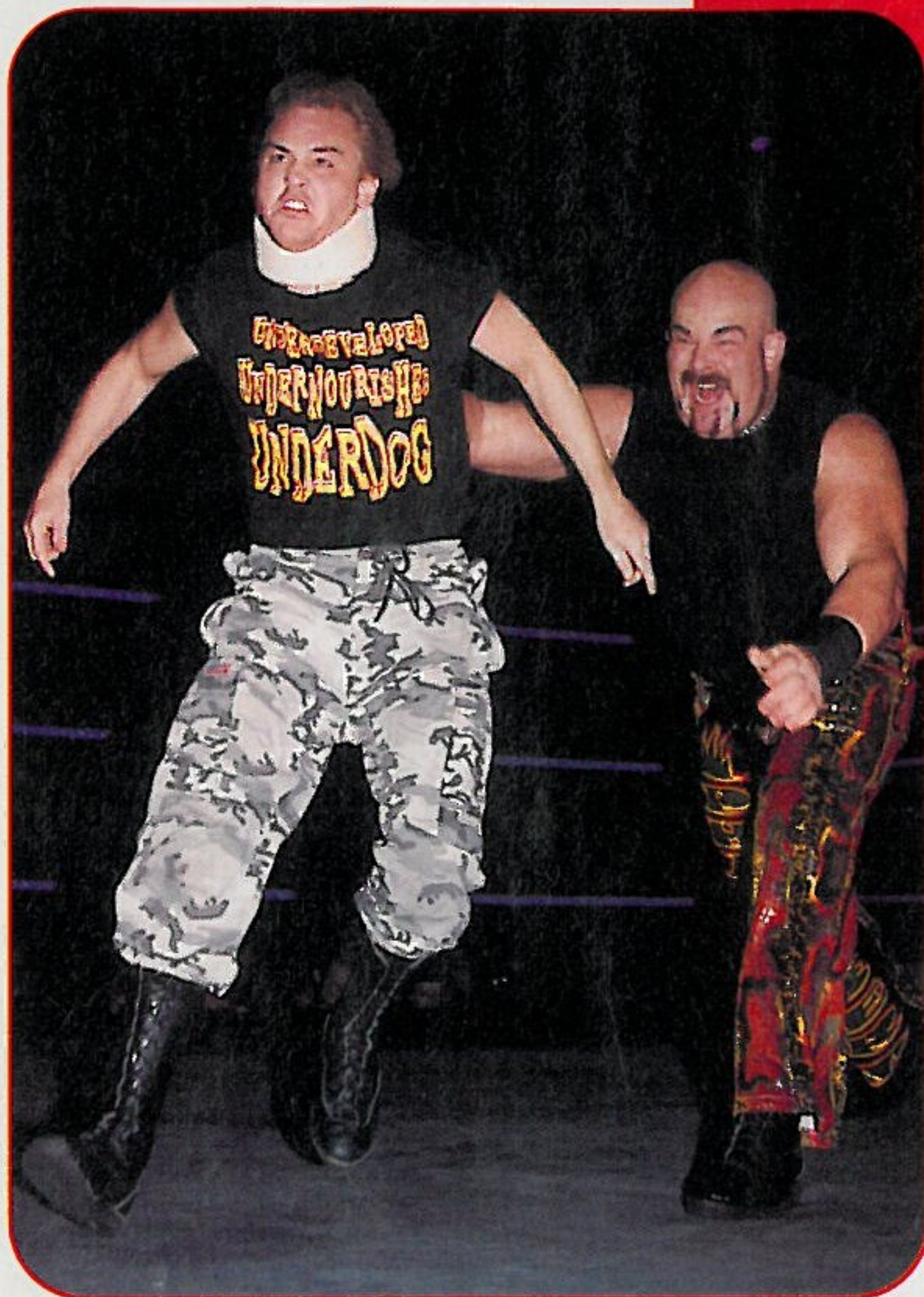
80 X-PAC (6'2", 212, 13, 67) Failed to establish himself as a major player despite two remarkable stints as WWF

light heavyweight and WCW cruiserweight champion in 2001 ... Chants of "X-Pac sucks" followed him everywhere he went ... Actually booed when he faced Alliance members ... His career was given a tremendous boost when he replaced Hulk Hogan as an NWO member ... He and The Big Show became the "heart and soul" of the WWE version of the NWO ... That may explain why it went down so fast ... The master of the spinning heel kick would be more effective in *Smackdown's* cruiserweight division than on *Raw*.



81 KENSUKE SASAKI (5'10", 263, 16, 41) Former IWGP heavyweight champion and protégé of Riki Choshu has been one of New Japan's top stars for years ... Husband of retired female superstar Akira Hokuto ... Inventor of the Northern Lights bomb ... The addition of the gamma bomb to his arsenal has made him even more dangerous ... Punishes opponents with ferocious lariats to the throat ... Heated rivalry with Scott Norton dates back to their IWGP heavyweight title matches two years ago ... Sometimes dons the face paint to reprise his Power Warrior character from his days alongside Road Warrior Hawk ... Singles victory over All-Japan's Toshiaki Kawada remains the crowning moment of his career.

82 FAAROOQ (6'2", 291, 16, 56) He and Bradshaw were WWF locker room leaders during the Alliance's invasion last year ... The APA broke up as a result of the brand extension draft on April 1 ... Surprisingly, the cigar-smoking, beer-drinking Faarooq is thriving more on *Smackdown* than his ex-partner, Bradshaw, is on *Raw* ... Serving as a mentor to his former Nation protégé, Mark Henry ... The former WCW World champion is amassing a cult following just as his body is wearing down ... *Damn!*



85 SPIKE DUDLEY (5'7", 155, 7, 62) Hasn't gained his momentum since the Spike-Molly Holly puppy love storyline ... Remained loyal to the WWF, although most former ECW stars defected to the Alliance ... Held the WWF World tag team title with Tazz ... Drafted by Raw in the brand extension ... Upset William Regal for the European title, but the "U.K.'s goodwill ambassador" regained it a short while later ... Reunited with half-brother Buh Buh Ray for a new twist on The Dudley Boyz theme ... The Dudley dog can be as dangerous for Spike as his opponents.

86 MICHAEL MODEST

(5'10", 226, 7, 159) He and Donovan Morgan comprise Excellence Inc. and compete primarily for Pro Wrestling NOAH ... Excellence Inc. lost to Jun Akiyama and Akitoshi Saito in the second round of NOAH's inaugural GHC tag team tournament ... Co-owner of a new promotion, Pro Wrestling Iron, based in Hayward, California ... The T-bone suplex is his favorite finishing maneuver.

83 MR. NIEBLA (5'9", 175, 10, 177) Stocky masked man is one of EMLL's best-kept secrets ... Very capable high-flyer and submission expert ... A remarkably agile competitor whose flexibility confounds opponents ... Recruited El Hijo del Santo and Negro Casas to help him fend off the likes of Tarzan Boy, Ultimo Guerrero, and Rey Bucanero ... Flattens opponents with a wild moonsault from the turnbuckles to the arena floor ... Won trios gold by joining forces with Atlantis and Black Warrior to defeat the *rudo* team of Blue Panther, Dr. Wagner Jr., and Fuerza Guerrera ... Among EMLL's most popular *tecnicos* ... His unusual submission hold finisher, *La Nieblina*, is a virtually inescapable variation of the ziplock hold.

84 STEVE BRADLEY (6'3", 235, 7, 144) The 1999 Super 8 winner began referring to himself as "Who's Your Daddy" Steve Bradley ... Was considered a top WWE developmental prospect until his surprising release in July 2002 ... While assigned to Heartland Wrestling Association, Bradley held the tag team title with Lance Cade ... Boasts a terrific dropkick and flying bodypress ... Has competed in MCW, OVW, HWA, and ECWA, and wrestled several dark matches in WWE ... Was been compared to Rob Van Dam by some insiders in years past.

87 KAZ HAYASHI (5'8", 187, 10, NL) Was known as the masked Shiryu before being brought to WCW by Sonny Ono, sans hood ... Skilled in Lucha Libre as well as *puroresu* ... Honed his skills in the WCW cruiserweight division opposite Ultimo Dragon and Billy Kidman ... Had his contract picked up by the WWF when WCW was sold, but got shipped to the HWA developmental territory almost immediately ... Eventually was granted his release by the WWF and returned to his native Japan ... Joined friend Keiji Muto in All-Japan Pro Wrestling, where he quickly fell into a feud with Kendo Ka Shin ... Has experience in New Japan, IWRG, and a host of other international companies ... Now shaved bald like Muto ... Has a great combination move, beginning with the Dragon suplex but floated over into a Crippler crossface submission.

88 BLUE PANTHER (5'6", 205, 24, 113) Technical wrestling wizard is one of the mat's games most skilled grapplers ... Often compared to Bret Hart or Ric Flair ... Remains every bit as

good today, in spite of his age ... Part of Mexico's hottest trio right now, alongside Fuerza Guerrera and Dr. Wagner Jr. ... The trio of *rudos* lost the trios titles to Atlantis, Black Warrior, and Mr. Niebla ... Used to appear with AAA years ago, but he's a regular with EMLL now ... Muscular veteran has wrestled in the United States and Japan in his legendary career.

89 AMERICAN DRAGON (5'8", 190, 2, 206) Held the East Coast Wrestling Association tag team title with Low-Ki for a year ... They feuded with the Maximo brothers, the Haas brothers, and The J-Team ... He and Low-Ki had a falling-out, and their war stretched from Delaware to California—in the ECWA, Ring of Honor, and All Pro Wrestling ... Defeated Low-Ki in the final of the APW King of the Indies tournament ... Trained by Shawn Michaels ... A former WWF developmental wrestler.

90 HIROYOSHI TENZAN (6', 248, 12, 84) Many feared Tenzan would follow former tag partner Satoshi Kojima to All-Japan, but he has remained loyal to New Japan ... Reprised his classic team with Masa Chono this year ... Lost in his bid to capture the IWGP heavyweight title from Tadao Yasuda ... Breaks opponents down with his chops and headbutts ... Still wears his buffalo head gear and horns to the ring for every match ... A tag team specialist, he's held the IWGP tag title on six different occasions ... Frequently uses the moonsault press, but now favors his buffalo sleeperhold as a finisher.



91 MASATO TANAKA

(5'11", 213, 9, 58) Zero-One star cut his teeth in ECW and FMW for years, where his hard-hitting and sometimes extreme style fit in perfectly ... A tremendous brawler with a great mat background and sound power move arsenal ... Japanese fan favorite is known for his wild charisma and scarred body from years of violent matches ... Floated from group to group for a while before settling in with Zero-One ... Now has experience everywhere from Big Japan to All-Japan ... Long feud with Mike "Gladiator" Awesome is the stuff of legend in the Orient ... Famed for his fantastic finishing move, the flipping Ace crusher he calls the diamond dust.



92 DOUG WILLIAMS (6'1", 230, 6, NL) His match against American Dragon in California's King of the Indies was considered a breakout performance ... Also competes in Philadelphia's Ring of Honor ... His hometown is Reading, England ... An ex-FWA British champ ... Added the bomb scare, a kneedrop from the top rope, to his repertoire ... A runner-up in the King of England tournament ... A former British Judo champion.

tapered off ... Next, the WWE creative team tried to revamp the former RTC leader into a hardcore warrior, but they forgot to give him one thing: a personality ... Pinned Buh Buh Ray Dudley for the hardcore title ... Jazz helped him retain it on a few occasions ... Raven suggested they were "doing the lambada, the evil dance of love" ... Has slipped into the background after losing the hardcore belt a final time ... Uses the superkick as his finishing move ... This talented star has shown signs of brilliance in the

past, but WWE is making only half-hearted attempts with his career.

94 SHIMA NOBUNAGA

(5'11", 202, 5, 73) Whether he's called CIMA, Shima, or any other variation, this young star of the Toryumon group is a sensation with fans both in Mexico and Japan ... Leads the Crazy MAX contingent consisting of Judo Suwa, Don Fuji, and Taru ... Rose to prominence with several high-profile wins at the 2000 Super J-Cup, lasting through the finals before being pinned by Jushin Liger ... Rivalries with



93 STEVEN RICHARDS (6'2", 227, 10, 137) Made a surprise return to WWE this year ... Teamed with fellow ECW alumnus Justin Credible, although they were never in ECW at the same time ... That team started weak, then

Tokyo Magnum and Masaaki Mochizuki continue ... Defeated Mochizuki in a hair match this year, but that incident only fanned the flames of hatred between them ... Impact finisher is called shubain, but is best known for his frog splash he dubs the mad splash.

95 JUSTIN CREDIBLE

(6', 225, 10, 79) His WWE career has been the most disappointing of all the former ECW stars ... A non-factor in the Alliance ... Makes the occasional main event on *Sunday Night Heat* ... Teamed with Steven Richards until they realized there are no tag team titles on Raw ... He's probably begging for his Aldo Montoya mask about now ... No hope for reuniting with Lance Storm or Dawn Marie because both are on *Smackdown* ... WWE even took away his best finisher, the "That's Incredible" piledriver ... Has plunged from his number-six ranking in the 2000 "PWI 500" ... Capable of much more if given the opportunity.

96 FUERZA GUERRERA

(5'6", 193, 24, 186) Father of Juventud Guerrera has started to slow down in the past few years ... Long-time *rudo* with EMLL has also wrestled for AAA and a number of other Lucha promotions ... Powerhouse Luchador is famed for his mosquito-style mask ... Loves to unload vicious chops and punches throughout his bouts ... Always manages to find ways to sneak in a low blow or two when the referee isn't looking ... Found success teaming with Dr. Wagner Jr. and Blue Panther for trios matches this year ... They have become the team to beat in Mexico.

97 TAKESHI RIKIOH

(6'2", 270, 4, NL) One half of the NOAH tag team champions, with regular partner Takeshi Morishima, the duo is known as "Double Takeshis" in Japan ... Rookie holds an upset over the Global Honored Crown champion Yoshinari Ogawa, who is barely half Rikioh's size ... Known for his punishing strikes, particularly his lariats ... Thick, forceful grappler can go toe-to-toe with just about any of the NOAH powerhouses ... Long feud with "No Fear" gave him much needed experience, the Takeshis are now legitimate main event players with NOAH ... His powerbomb is an adequate finisher.

98 D-LO BROWN

(6'1", 245, 9, 145) Served as a wrestler and trainer in the Heartland Wrestling Association for most of the year ... Recruited by Raw in the brand extension draft on April 1 ... Has whipped himself into the best shape of his career ... His frog splash doesn't have as much impact, but his stamina is much better ... Biggest WWF win was over Tommy Dreamer on *Sunday Night Heat* ... Did an outstanding job as color commentator on *Heat* after Raven's departure.



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Nick Dinsmore vs. Doug Basham

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99 **BOB HOLLY** (6'1", 231, 9, 51)

Serving as a trainer on *Tough Enough 2* improved his stature slightly this year ... Has taken on the bully role on *Smackdown*, busting the chops of up-and-comers at Vince McMahon's request ... Suffered a humiliating loss to Randy Orton in one of those efforts ... Now teaming with The Big Valbowski ... It's a shame they're still considered long shots for Lance Storm and Christian's WWE World tag team title—even though there are only three regular teams on *Smackdown* ... Has been compared to a Southern-fried Tazz.

100 **NICK DINS-MORE** (6', 226,

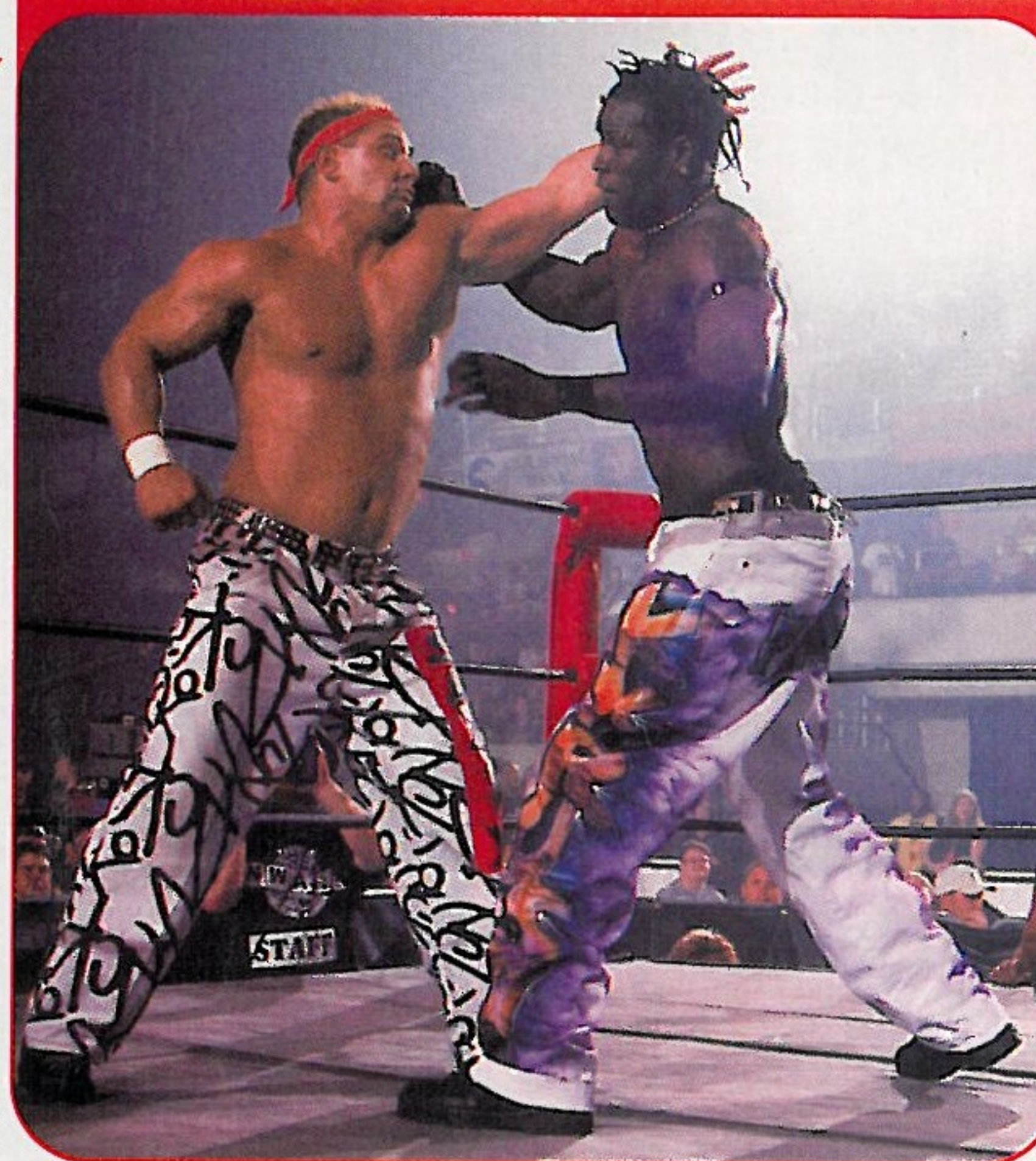
7, 182) "Mr. Wrestling" is one-half of The Lords of the Ring with Rob Conway ... Dinsmore and Conway won the OVW Southern tag title in December 2001, but lost the belts to Doug Basham and Damaja in February ... Gained a measure of revenge by teaming with Conway and OVW owner Danny Davis to defeat Basham, Damaja, and Victoria in April ... Considered the most talented technical wrestler in OVW ... Has beaten Al Snow and almost beat Chris Benoit ... Could be considered the Sting of OVW.

101 **TAKESHI MORISHIMA** (6'2", 275, 4, NL)

Captured NOAH's tag team titles alongside "Double Takeshis" partner Takeshi Rikioh, after a long, grueling feud with Takao Omori and Yoshihiro Takayama ... Powerhouse wrestler demolishes smaller foes, his rock-solid chops and lariats are feared throughout Japan ... Better suited to the tag division than singles competition ... Often teams with the smaller Mohammed Yone for six-man matches ... Quick ascension to main event status is the result of hard-fought matches with all NOAH competitors.

102 **NEGRO CASAS** (5'7",

180, 23, 109) Veteran Luchador now helps train the future stars of Mexican wrestling ... Still a regular with EMLL and is well-respected by all fans of Lucha Libre for his incredible technical acumen ... Has toured internationally and has a solid following in Japan ... Still teams with El Hijo del Santo, his former rival, and Mr. Niebla in their war with Rey Bucanero, Ultimo Guerrero, and Tarzan Boy ... Favorite hold remains *la magistral*, a tightly cradled pinning combination.



103 **RICO COSTANTINO** (6',

239, 3, 189) There's more to Rico than styling hair and seconding Billy and Chuck ... This suave dresser gained prominence in Ohio Valley Wrestling, where he held the heavyweight title several times ... Former *American Gladiators* champion ... He didn't always have the goofy sideburns; he used to have a mullet instead ... Former member of Bolin Services.

104 **STEVE CORINO** (6'1",

226, 8, 35) The current Premier Wrestling Federation Universal, NWA Florida State, and IHPW champion ... Competes in the U.S., Canada, the U.K., and is a regular for Japan's Zero-One ... His NWA title was held up after referee Fred Richards decided Corino was unfit to continue because of repeated kicks to the face from Shinya Hashimoto ... Lost to Hashimoto two months later, and the championship was awarded to the Japanese star ... Slipped in the "PWI 500" rankings since his reign as NWA champ ... Calls himself the "King Of Old School" ... A former ECW World champion.

105 **BRIAN CHRISTOPHER** (5'10", 228, 13, 86)

Toured Europe with World Wrestling All-Stars ... Had a few run-ins with Scott Steiner and Road Dogg ... Had the unenviable task of substituting for Randy Savage against heavyweight champ Jeff Jarrett in WWA's first live American pay-per-view ... Actually turned in a good performance with an old-fashioned Memphis brawl, but Jarrett capitalized on several distractions to retain the title ... Joined NWA-TNA ... Rumors suggest he could return to WWE after Scotty Too Hotty recovers from neck surgery several months from now ... Still has the hip-hop drop as his finisher although he's afraid to use the trademarked "Grandmaster Sexay" as his wrestling name ... A mainstay in Memphis' Championship Wrestling promotion.

106 **MANABU NAKA-NISHI** (6'1", 266, 8, 80)

Master of the torture rack spent some of last year training under Karl Gotch in Florida ... off-and-on partnership with Osamu Nishimura hasn't yielded any title shots for the so-called "Gotch duo" ... Powerful heavyweight is finally enjoying consistent singles success in New Japan after spending much of the 1990s focusing on tag team wrestling ... Has held the IWGP tag title twice, once with Yuji Nagata, and once with Satoshi Kojima ... WCW fans might remember his brief stint as Kurasawa here in the States, during which he broke Road Warrior Hawk's arm ... still needs that breakthrough match to establish himself as a superstar.



107 MAVEN (6'2", 220, 1, NL)

Officially the first *Tough Enough* winner to crack the "PWI 500" ... Recruiting Maven for UPN's *Smackdown* provided a strong lead-in for *Tough Enough 2*, which immediately followed the broadcast, but on MTV ... Proved to be The Undertaker's most dangerous foe as he eliminated "Big Evil" with a well-placed dropkick at the Royal Rumble, and later beat him for the hardcore title ... Broke his leg while attempting a baseball slide ... Romantically linked to Torrie Wilson ... Torrie's old boyfriend, Tajiri, swore revenge and attacked Wilson and Maven in a hospital room.

108 LATIN LOVER (5'8", 194, 14, NL)

Muscular exotic dancer is an all-time favorite with the female fans of AAA ... Has been caught in a feud with Hector Garza, Perro Aguayo Jr., and Heavy Metal for years ... Sometimes teams with Alebrije or the imitation La Parka—they make for a popular, colorful trio ... Never entirely out of the title picture, but hasn't had a shot at the Mexican National title in some time ... Known for his long, dark hair and cat-like reflexes ... Favorite move is the superkick.

109 DAN SEVERN (6'2", 265, 11, NL)

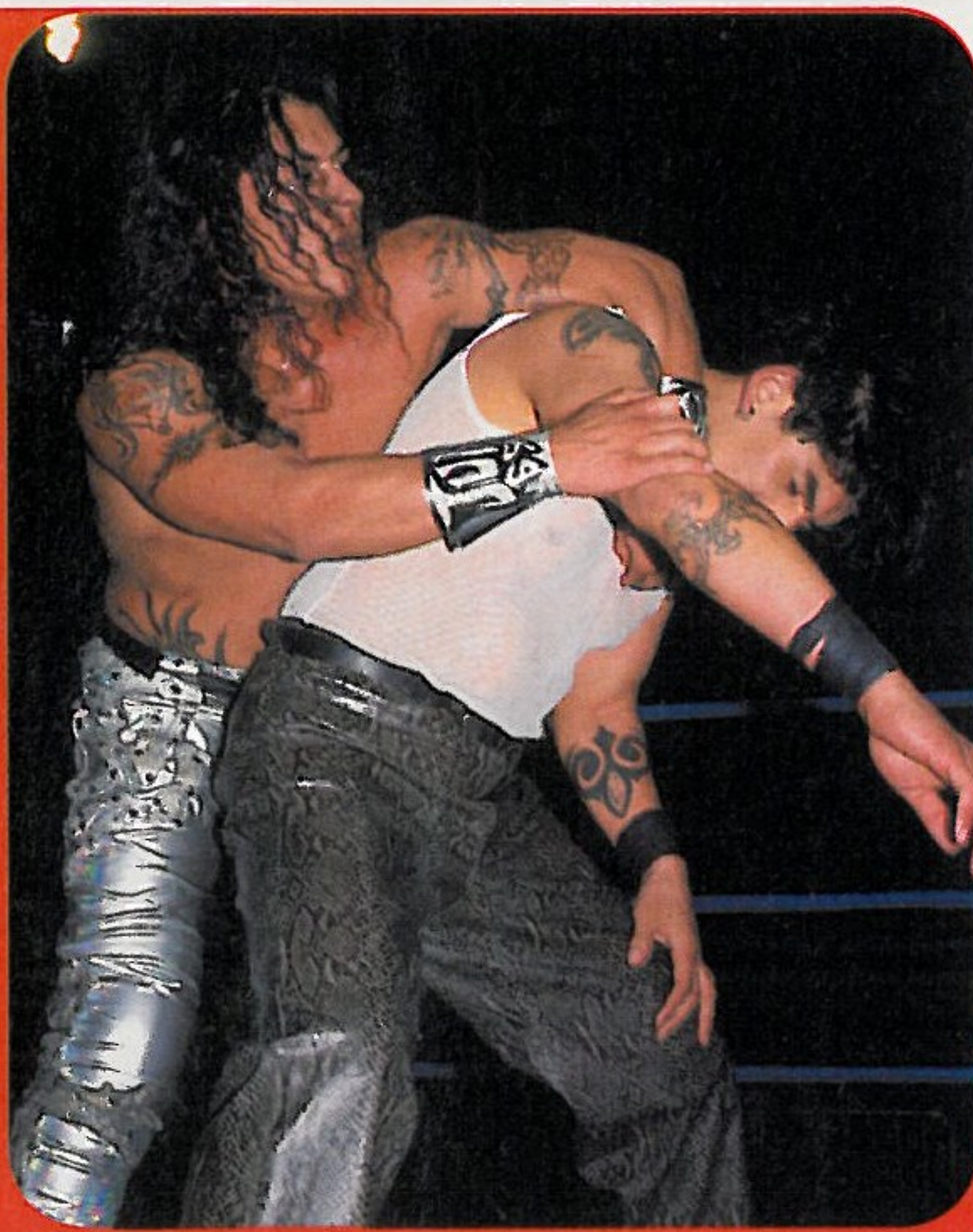
Has reduced his wrestling schedule during the past couple of years due to shoot fighting commitments ... NWA President Jim Miller ordered referee Fred Richards to screw Shinya Hashimoto out of the heavyweight title in Japan, and Richards complied by making a fast count and handing Severn the belt ... Stripped of the title by NWA Vice President Bill Behrens because Severn had a fighting engagement at the time of TNA's inaugural pay-per-view on June 19 ... "The Beast" is determined to face new champ Ken Shamrock ... One of wrestling's greatest submission masters ... Held the NWA title from 1995 to 1999, the longest reign since that of Dory Funk Jr. in the early-'70s.

110 OSAMU NISHIMURA (6'1", 220, 10, 203)

Protégé of Tatsumi Fujinami has rebounded from testicular cancer and is winning over New Japan fans with his classic submission-based offense ... Health problems haven't hampered his in-ring performance one bit ... favors holds like the royal octopus and the abdominal stretch ... trained under Karl Gotch in Florida alongside Manabu Nakanishi, earning them the name the "Gotch duo" ... Famed for his textbook dropkick and flawlessly executed Northern Lights suplex ... continues to improve his technical acumen.

111 JUVENTUD GUERRERA (5'5", 169, 9, 54)

This Mexican high-flyer appears all over the globe, with the WWA in Australia and the United States, with NOAH in Japan, and throughout his native Mexico ... Briefly teamed with his father, Fuerza, in the rings of EMLL ... Recent EMLL action has seen him teamed with Black Tiger and Averno and feuding with Felino and his *tecnico* partners ... A three-time former WCW cruiserweight champion ... Got his start in AAA ... Lost his mask, but none of his popularity back in 1998 ... "The Juice" loves to take to the air, as well as swipe lines and mannerisms from The Rock ... Favorite moves include the Michinoku driver and the 450 splash.



112 HEAVY METAL (5'7", 181, 14, NL)

Regular star of AAA has been plying his trade there for more than a decade now ... Long-haired power wrestler is a great brawler, but still takes to the air when he feels it's necessary ... Son of legendary referee Pepe Casas, who often gets embroiled in his son's feuds ... Almost lost his dad's hair in a strange matchup of wrestlers and referees that ended with Sangre Chicana being pinned and referee Tirantes being shaved bald ... Teamed with Psicosis at Antonio Inoki's World Wrestling Peace Festival in 1996 in Los Angeles, which earned him plenty of international exposure ... Enjoyed top star status during his *rudo* days, as well as during his current stint on the side of the *tecnicos*.



113 JODY FLEISCH (5'10", 160, 4, NL)

Won the King of England tournament at the "British Revival" ... Also tours Japan on occasion ... Competed in Combat Zone Wrestling's Best of the Best 2 ... Feuded with his former mentor, Dino Scarlo, much of the year ... A badly dislocated elbow kept him out of action for several months ... His finisher is the phoenix DDT, an incredible 720-degree tornado DDT.

114 SCOOT ANDREWS (5'11", 222, 9, 105)

The "Black Nature Boy" lost the East Coast Wrestling Association title to Prince Nana in May, ending his year-long reign ... Had successfully defended the belt against Pete Gas, Simon Diamond, Crowbar, J.R. Ryder, Wagner Brown, and Billy Fives ... Retained the strap in a heralded four-way also involving Christopher Daniels, Low-Ki, and American Dragon ... Broke his ankle in the spring, but didn't miss much ring time.

115 CHAVO GUERRERO JR. (5'6", 210, 9, 42)

One of the lower-tier members of the Alliance in 2001 ... Never even considered a serious threat to either the WWF light heavyweight or WCW cruiserweight titles ... Wrestled an excellent match against Rey Mysterio Jr. in the masked luchador's *Smackdown* debut ... That breakout performance should convince WWE to get serious about Chavo ... His tornado DDT remains one of the most exciting finishing maneuvers in the business ... Joining his uncle, Eddie, on *Raw* would boost his career considerably ... He's too young to be relegated to *Tough Enough* trainer status already.

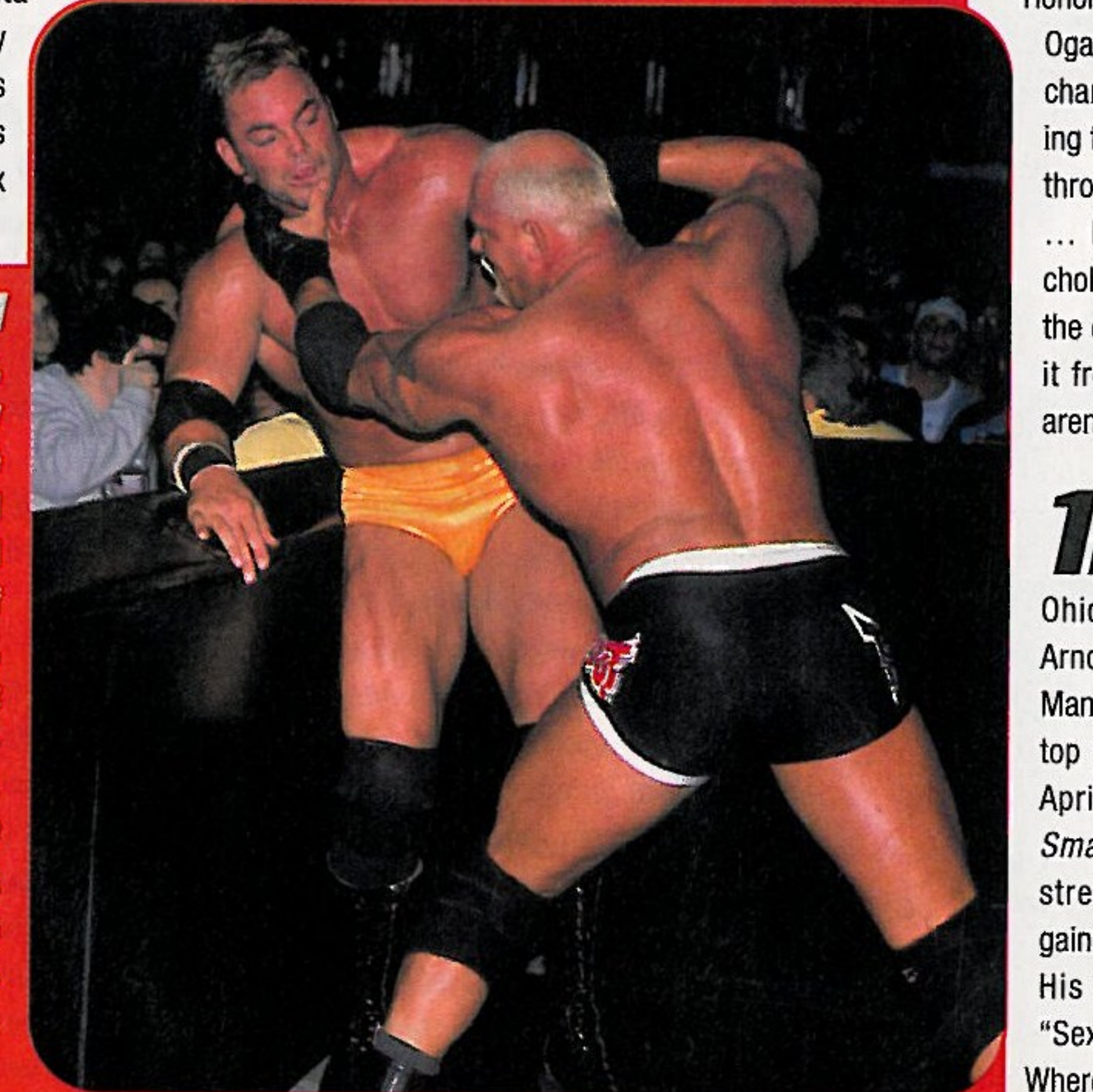


116 TAKAO OMORI (6'2", 257, 10, 213)

The former NOAH GHC tag team champion has had his share of problems with No Fear partner Yoshihiro Takayama of late ... Omori made plans to leave Japan for an international tour, sanctioned by NOAH, and did lose in his bid to win the NWA heavyweight title from Ken Shamrock at an NWA-TNA pay-per-view in July ... Spent a good portion of the year feuding with the Double Takeshis team, as well as with Vader and Scorpio ... Groomed in the rings of All-Japan, he became a breakout star thanks to a short feud with Kenta Kobashi that climaxed when they met in the finals of the Champions Carnival a few years back ... Loves to punish opponents with his ax bomber lariat.

117 SHAWN STASIAK (6'4", 242, 5, 123)

Bumbled in every attempt to have the Alliance notice him, but finally connected with the fans ... Has finally found a gimmick that is true to himself with the "Planet Stasiak" routine, as scary as that sounds ... But WWE has demonstrated no followup to his groundswell of support ... Teamed with old WCW rival Curt Hennig on *Raw* ... Uses the fisherman suplex he copied from Hennig ... The son one-time WWWF World champion Stan Stasiak.



119 PERRO AGUAYO JR. (5'6", 170, 7, NL)

Son of the legendary Perro Aguayo ... Like his dad, he loves to finish off opponents with the double-foot stomp ... One of AAA's most popular technicos, he is often embroiled in the ongoing battles of Hector Garza, Latin Lover, and Heavy Metal ... Found a reliable partner in Essa Rios, who returned to Mexico as Mr. Aguila this year ... Also teams with Zorro from time to time ... Dons furry boots just like his father ... With his charismatic in-ring style, he is quickly becoming one of AAA's top stars.

120 LANCE CADE (6'5", 261, 3, 191)

This tall Texan survived the recent WWE developmental cuts ... Spent the last year in Heartland Wrestling Association where he won the heavyweight title ... The youngest of the developmentals ... Frequently teamed with Steve Bradley throughout the year, but is now on his own since Bradley was released ... Originally trained at the Shawn Michaels Wrestling Academy ... Likes to finish off opponents with the superkick.

121 AKIRA TAUKE (6'5", 272, 14, 122)

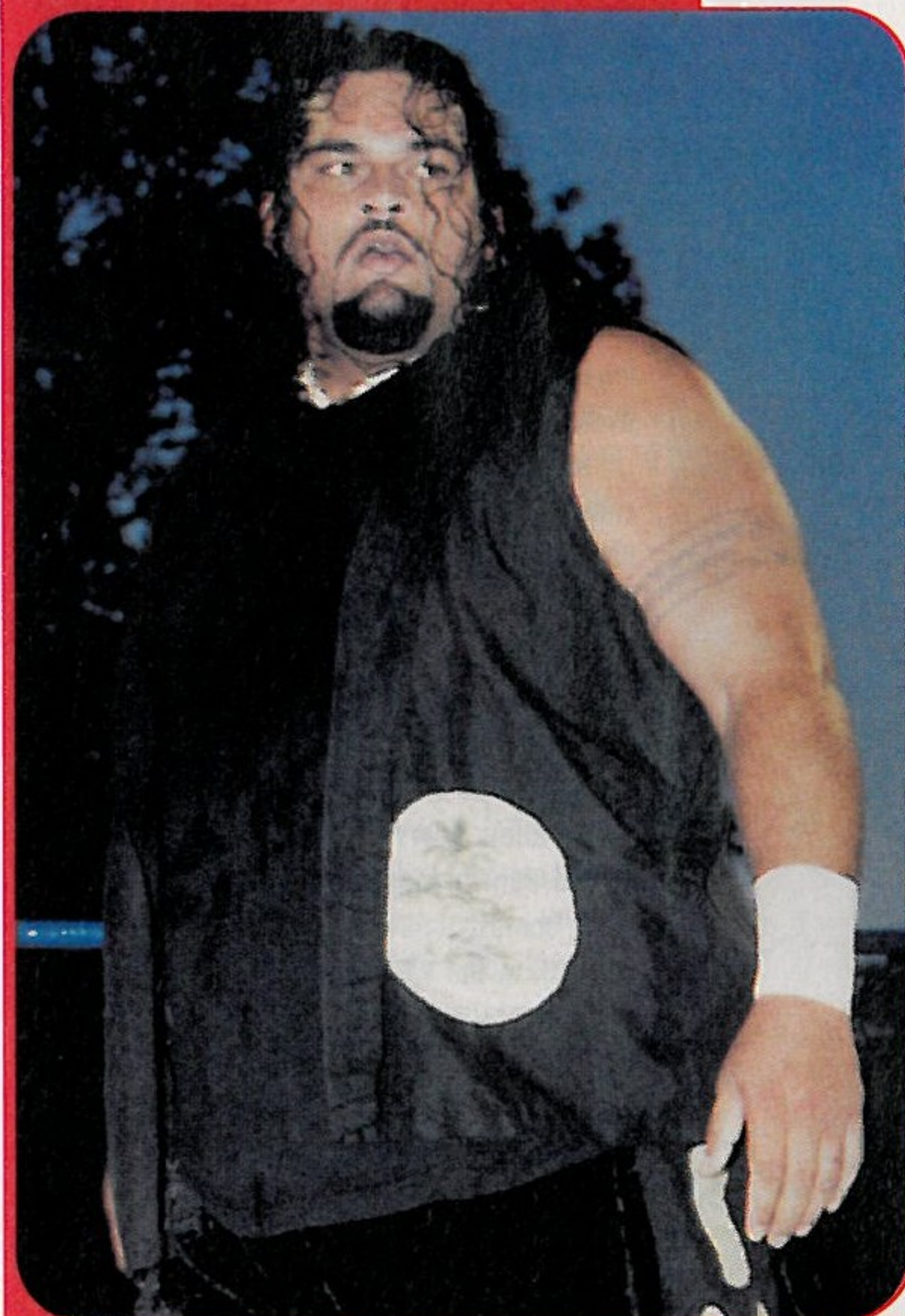
Lumbering heavyweight is a little past his prime ... Last held the All-Japan Triple Crown in 1996, but hasn't enjoyed the same success since losing it ... Regularly appears in a mid-card position with Pro Wrestling NOAH ... Lost his Global Honored Crown title match to champion Yoshinari Ogawa this summer ... Best remembered for his championship team with Toshiaki Kawada during their All-Japan heyday ... Lanky big man still throws dropkicks and hits the occasional tope ... Inventor of the ruby erosion, a peculiar choke-slam variation ... Master of all forms of the choke-slam, or *nodowa otoshi*, he even uses it from the top rope and off the apron to the arena floor.

122 MARK HENRY (6'3", 330, 5, 167)

Promoted from Ohio Valley to WWE early this year ... Won Arnold Schwarzenegger's "World's Strongest Man" contest ... That momentum made him a top pick in the WWE brand extension draft on April 1 ... Vince McMahon selected him for *Smackdown* ... Performed amazing feats of strength in parking lot vignettes ... Hasn't gained any ground since his last stint in WWE ... His strongman routines are amazing, but "Sexual Chocolate" was more entertaining ... Where's Mae Young when he needs her?

123 VILLANO III (5'8", 210, 32, 64) Eldest of the active Villanos is sometimes called Pink Panther due to his bright ring attire ... Reprises the classic Villano trio with brothers Villanos IV and V ... Lost his mask in 2000 to rival Atlantis on EMLL's inaugural pay-per-view ... His father, original Villano Ray Mendoza, sometimes joins him at ringside ... Not quite as active as he's been in the past year or two ... Still manages to pull out classic Lucha moves like the tope and huracanrana from time to time ... Recently beat Negro Navarro in a hair vs. hair match ... Puts his veteran skills and knowledge to good use when he helps to train the rising stars of Lucha Libre.

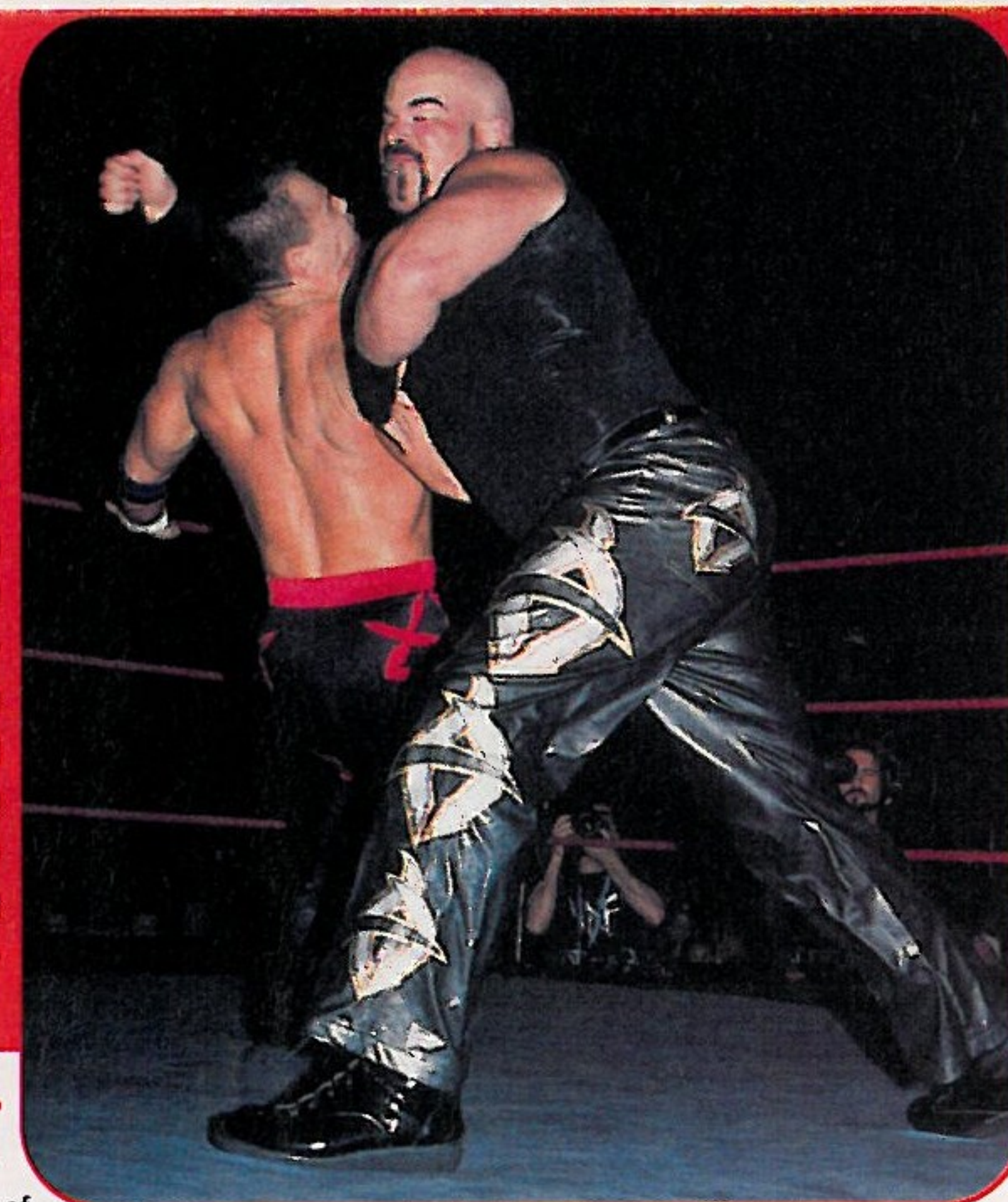
124 KIMO (6'5", 360, 8, 197) The larger of the Island Boys ... Spent much of the past few years toiling in the WWE developmental system, most recently in Heartland Wrestling Association ... Made a surprise debut on *Raw* when he and Ekmo attacked both D-Lo Brown and Shawn Stasiak during their match ... He and Ekmo made even more of a stir by beating up Mae Young the following week ... Despite his large size, this menacing Samoan can do high-flying moves ... Father is the legendary Sika ... Held the HWA tag team titles several times in the past year.



125 ALBERT (6'6", 360, 5, 32) Completely lost in the shuffle during the Alliance storyline ... Teamed with Scotty Too Hotty for several months and dubbed himself the "Hip-Hop Hippo" ... Turned against Scotty with a vengeance ... His change in ring attire (or lack thereof) doesn't make him any more appealing ... It's hard to believe this is a former Intercontinental champ ... Uses the Baldo bomb, stemming from his days in Memphis ... Has the size and unique look to be a much bigger star ... This is one of those rare cases that calls out for a one-dimensional monster gimmick.

126 SUPER DEL-FIN (5'9", 205, 13, 75) Colorful masked man is the head of Osaka Pro, the company he founded after leaving Michinoku Pro ... Was one of the most popular stars in Gran Hamada's Universal Wrestling before joining Michinoku ... Regularly teams with Super Demekin, another aquatic-themed fan favorite ... Long-running feuds with the likes of Jushin Liger, Great Sasuke, and El Samurai continue ... Opposes GAMMA and his teammates constantly ... Inventor of the Osaka cutter, a reverse suplex that he turns into an Ace crusher ... Spent some time training in Mexico when he was known as Monkey Magic Wakita ... Favorite finishing combo is the swinging DDT followed by his patented Delfin clutch.

127 ESSA RIOS (5'8", 203, 8, 117) Former WWF star has reclaimed the name Mr. Aguila and returned to AAA in Mexico ... Has competed internationally for EMLL and other Mexican groups ... Once managed by Lita, of Team Xtreme fame, but his abusive ways didn't suit her ... Siding with the *technicos* since his return to Lucha competition, teaming with Zorro and Perro Aguayo Jr. ... Has been working his way into contention for Hector Garza's Mexican National title ... Dynamic high-flyer returned to action a more well-rounded wrestler than ever before, thanks to his long stay in the



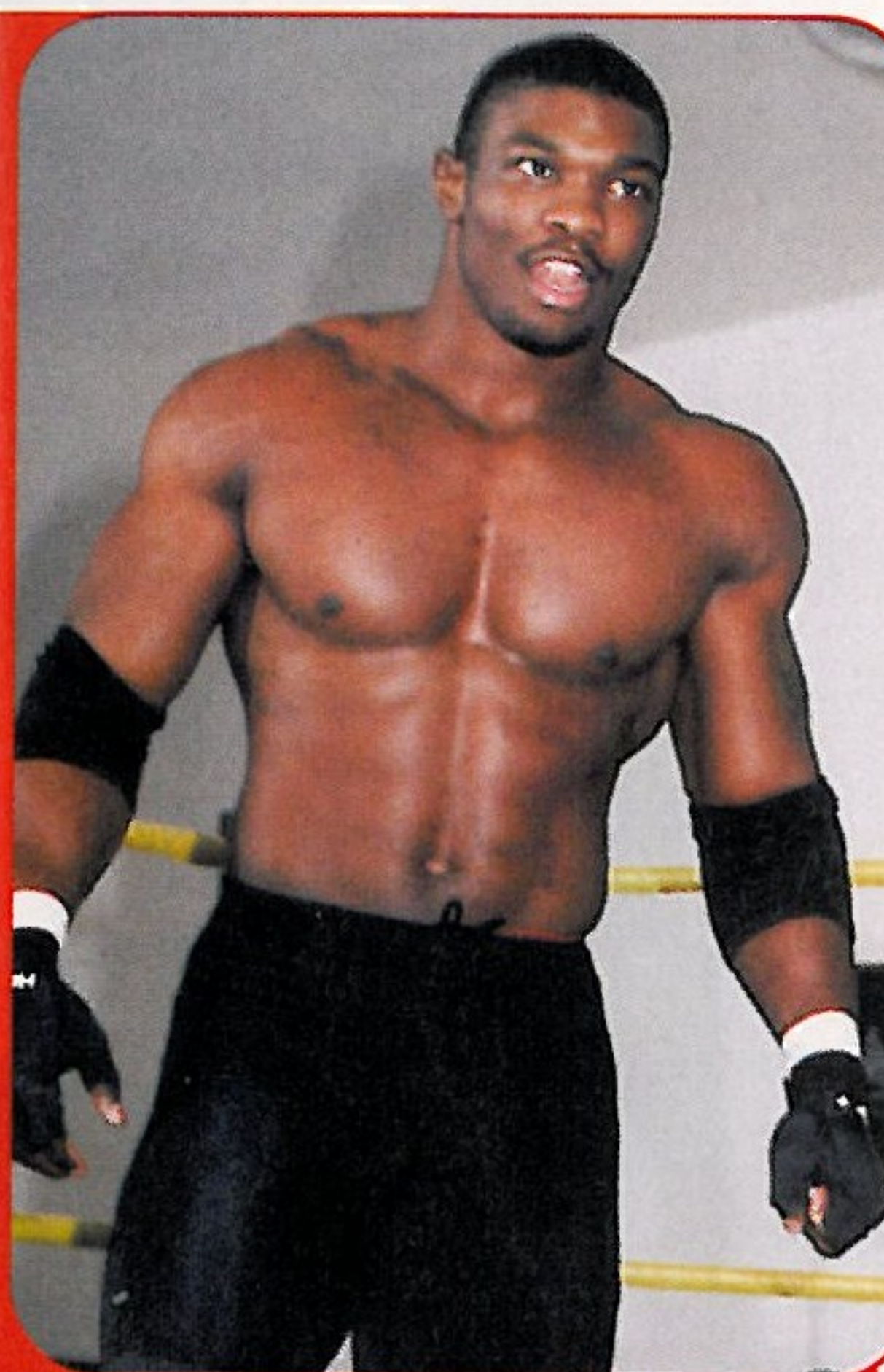
United States ... Once counted among Mexico's most revolutionary aerialists, alongside Rey Misterio Jr. and Venum Black ... Has a stunning twisting tope mortal.

128 JOHNNY STORM (5'8", 185, 8, NL) A mainstay in the U.K.'s Frontier Wrestling Alliance ... Nicknamed the "Wonder Kid" ... Made his American debut in Combat Zone Wrestling ... Also competes for Pennsylvania's Ring of Honor and Premier Wrestling Federation ... His finishing maneuver is the super rewind huracanrana ... The current TWA welterweight champion ... Sings his own entrance theme.

129 AL SNOW (6'1", 233, 20, 99) *Tough Enough* has made trainer Al Snow an MTV superstar ... Displays the perfect blend of kindness and forcefulness ... Teamed with *Tough Enough* 1 winner Maven on *Smackdown* ... His finishing maneuver is the Snowplow, a version of the Northern Lights bomb ... Serves as color commentator on *Velocity* ... Celebrated his 20th year in the business ... Now that Snow is such a big star, he can sit around and tell Mick Foley jokes.

130 O.G. EKMO (6'5", 356, 4, 194) Enraged fans everywhere by splashing Mae Young from the top rope on *Raw* on July 29 ... Spent several years in the WWE developmental system before getting this break ... Extremely agile despite his large size ... Wrestled all over the world before catching the WWE's eye ... Brother of Rikishi and Tonga Kid ... Held the HWA and MCW Southern tag team titles with Kimo ... A San Francisco native.

131 JINSEI SHINZAKI (5'10", 207, 9, 143) American fans might remember his WWF stint as Hakushi, a character he sometimes reprises in his native Japan ... Part of Keiji Muto's BATT group, the two have tagged together for both New Japan and Michinoku Pro ... Has wrestled for All-Japan Pro Wrestling and FMW as well ... Generally slow, methodical wrestler surprises opponents with his explosive speed during key moments ... Like The Undertaker, Shinzaki can walk the top rope with remarkable agility, but Shinzaki often does it with his eyes closed ... Although he is a junior heavyweight, he usually wrestles against heavyweights ... Unlike many of his Michinoku compatriots, Shinzaki seems to prefer singles matches to the six- and eight-man tag match format ... Has a sensational top-rope headbutt ... Comes to the ring dressed in traditional monk garb ... Has many power bombs in his repertoire, but his signature variation is the praying power bomb.



132 SHELTON BENJAMIN (6'2", 245, 2, 153) Former tag team partner of Brock Lesnar in The Minnesota Stretching Crew ... A perennial problem for The Disciples of Synn in OVW ... Lesnar and Benjamin held the OVW Southern straps on three occasions before Lesnar was injured by a fireball from Synn ... After Lesnar joined WWE, Benjamin recruited Redd Dogg as his partner, and the two have had some success ... Two-time NCAA wrestling All-American at the University of Minnesota is an innovative aerialist ... Frequently stuns opponents with a reverse enziguiri kick.

133 SABU (6', 220, 12, 57) Remains a top star on the independent circuit, especially on the West Coast ... Appears regularly in California's Xtreme Pro Wrestling, where he has aligned himself with The Sandman ... Uses the triple-jump moonsault with devastating effectiveness ... In addition to being a former XPW champ, Sabu has also held the ECW and NWA titles ... Super-Glue can't hold together his accumulating injuries much longer ... Still capable of a great run in WWE with Rob Van Dam, but don't expect the McMahons to take that risk.

134 R.C. HAAS (6'2", 265, 6, 121) It's been a rough year for Charlie ... His brother and tag team partner, Russ, died unexpectedly on December 15, halting their skyrocketing careers ... The Haas Brothers were touted as being the next great WWE tag team until then ... Changed his name to honor his brother ... Tore the ACL in his right leg in March, requiring several months off to heal ... Recently returned to the ring, briefly teaming with Jason Sugarman ... Survived the developmental cuts and has been reassigned to OVW ... A former standout collegiate wrestler for Seton Hall.

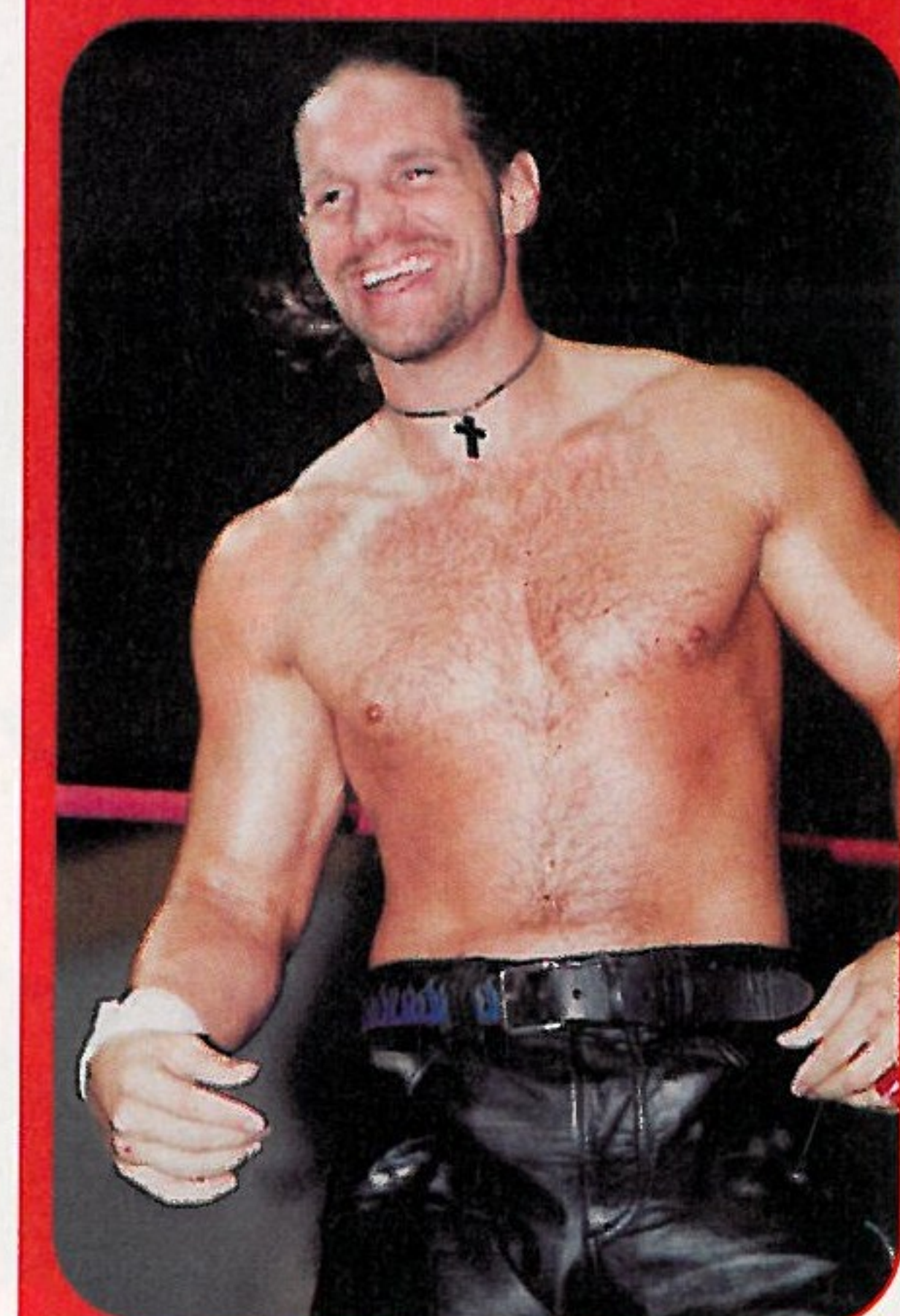
135 PERRY SATURN (5'10", 234, 13, 66) This former WCW and ECW World tag team champion has been less visible than even Justin Credible this year ... Hasn't recovered since Raven threw Moppy into the wood-chipper ... Recruited for *Smackdown* in the brand extension draft, but would have performed better in *Raw*'s hardcore division ... His finishing hold is the Rings of Saturn ... A former U.S. Army Ranger.

136 ROB CONWAY (6', 240, 5, NL) Arrogant fan favorite is one-half of The Lords of the Ring with Nick Dinsmore ... Conway and Dinsmore dropped the OVW Southern tag title on February 9, 2002, in a memorable 30-minute "Ironman" match ... Considering his nickname, you'd think he'd have better luck ... The Lords of the Ring regained the straps at a WWE house show, then lost them again ... Conway is a former heel who was previously managed by the rotund Kenny Bolin ... Word around Louisville was that he would load his glove with some sort of foreign object, giving him a formidable knockout punch ... WWE developmental talent is one of the top fan favorites in OVW.

137 GREAT SASUKE (5'8", 180, 12, 129) Masked high-flyer has been the top star of Michinoku Pro since its inception ... A former IWGP junior heavyweight and tag team champion ... Was the first man to hold the unified J-Crown (which consisted of eight different titles) in 1996 ... Rivalry with Dick Togo was renewed when Togo

jumped to Michinoku from Osaka Pro ... Regularly teams with Gran Hamada and Tiger Mask IV ... Has international experience, including stays in Mexico and Europe, as well as brief stints in both the WWF and ECW ... Inventor of the move known in the United States as the swanton bomb, made popular by Jeff Hardy ... Spectacular aerialist hasn't slowed down with age ... His quebrada, or lionsault, is still the best in the business ... Favorite moves include the royal octopus and the thunder fire bomb.

138 NOVA (5'11", 215, 8, 147) Competed in Ultimate Pro Wrestling and Phoenix Championship Wrestling in 2001 ... Abandoned his Evolution tag team with Frankie Kazarian to compete in Ohio Valley Wrestling when WWE offered him a developmental deal ... Defeated Prototype (John Cena) for the OVW title in his first appearance with that promotion ... Feuding with Bolin Services ... Has competed in each of the United States and in 10 other countries ... Held the javelin record at his high school ... Rose to prominence in ECW.

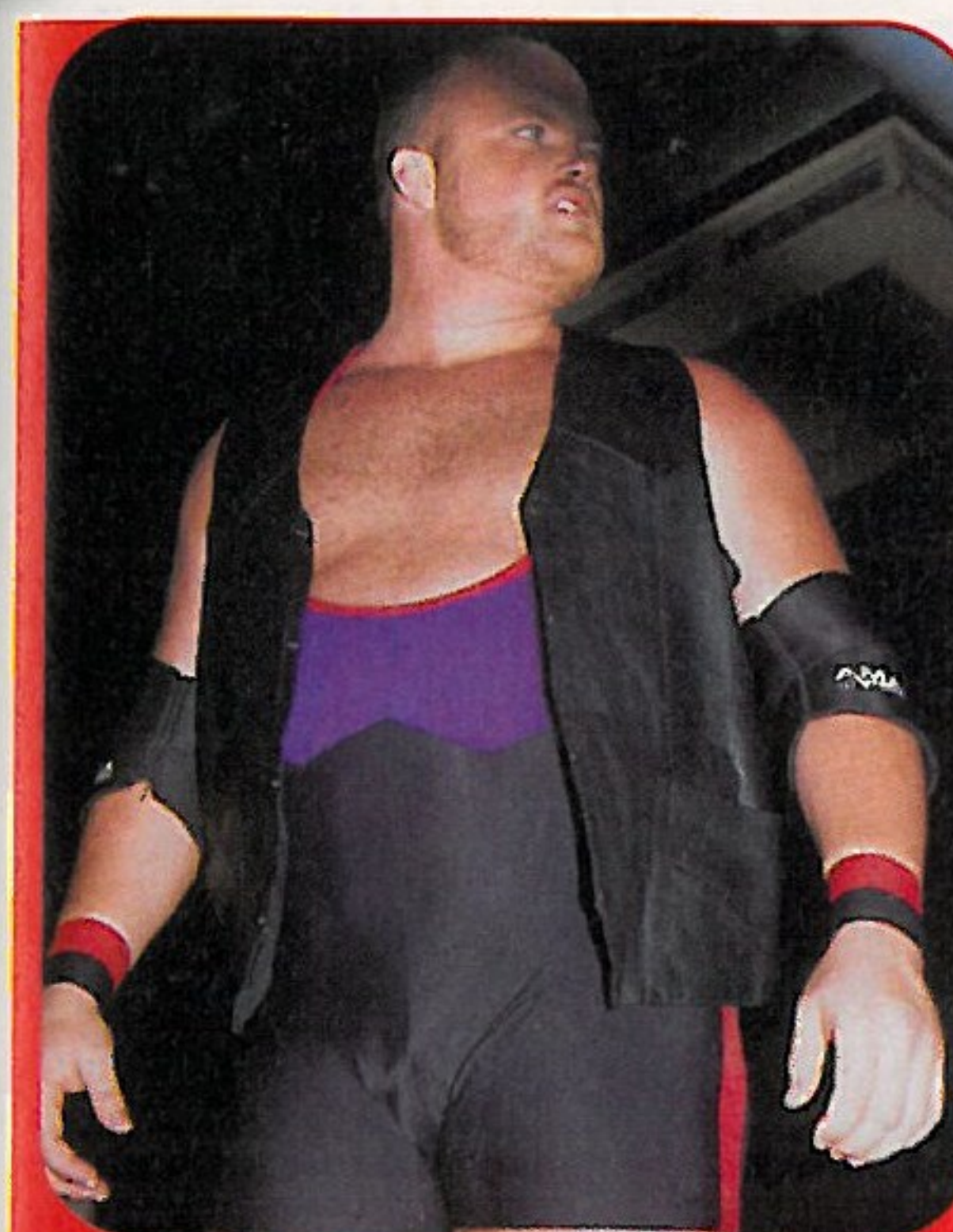


139 HUGH MORRIS (5'10", 310, 12, 40) The past year hasn't been kind to the former Gen. Rection, as he dropped 99 spots this year ... Hasn't been given much to do by WWE management since the invasion storyline, and even then he was used mostly for comedy relief ... Showed some good chemistry with Chavo Guerrero Jr. in backstage skits during the Insurrexion pay-per-view, but the duo hasn't been seen together since ... Currently is positioned as something of a spoiler. If you want to go from *Velocity* or *Heat* to *Raw* or *Smackdown*, you'll probably have to go through Hugh at some point.

149 Shane Douglas vs. Steve Corino



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140 C.W. ANDERSON (6'1", 237, 8, 112) Based in Southern Championship Wrestling, but appears on shows nationwide, most notably in PWF Universal ... Often tours Japan with Zero-One ... Some consider him the most underrated wrestler in the business ... Known for his catchphrase, "I'm an Anderson!" ... Lives up to the Anderson name with a mean left hand, a wicked spinebuster, and his tendency to work over one body part—usually the arm—in his matches.

141 BLACK WARRIOR (5'10", 195, 16, 134) No man's tope is as feared as Black Warrior's, which is known throughout Mexico for sending opponents five rows into the crowd ... Remarkably powerful for a middleweight—his hours in the gym have paid off ... Alternately a *rudo* and *technico* in EMLL, he is currently teaming with fellow *technicos* Atlantis and Mr. Niebla ... The group won the CMLL trios title from Blue Panther, Fuerza Guerrera, and Dr. Wagner Jr. ... Graceful high-flyer is talented on the mat and also doesn't mind exchanging blows on the floor ... His most intricate hold, *nudo lagunero*, has forced many men to submit.

142 MIKE QUACKENBUSH (6'1", 191, 11, 132) "Lightning" Mike is a jack of all trades—wrestler, author, and head trainer at Chikara Wrestle Factory ... Wrestles throughout New England, the Midwest, and the East Coast ... Came close to beating Eddie Guerrero on the indy scene, but wound up on the business end of a frog splash ... Had classic matches with the likes of Crowbar, Colt Cabana, C.M. Punk, La Parka, and ECW veteran Chris Hamrick ... High-flyer is known for his intricate, bizarre submission holds and vicious palm strikes ... Teamed up with Luna Vachon for mixed tag

matches this year ... Inventor of the black tornado slam and his pet move, the "Quackendriver."

143 BLUE MEANIE (6'1", 250, 8, 161) This loveable ball of blue is currently making waves on the independent scene ... Always accompanied by his girlfriend, Jasmin St. Claire ... Recently debuted for NWA-TNA where he DDT'd Francine during a Francine-Jasmin catfight ... Wrestles for indies all over the United States as well as Europe, South America, and Canada ... His weight loss never diminished his charisma ... Still uses the Meaniesault as his finisher.

144 JOHNNY STAMBOLI (6', 245, 3, NL) Formerly known as Johnny the Bull in HWA and WCW ... Toiled in Heartland Wrestling Association while working as a WWE developmental ... Originally from Atlanta, Georgia and trained at The Power Plant ... Debuted recently on *Raw* and has already held the hardcore title several times ... This powerhouse is well-suited for the hardcore division ... Uses a spinning DDT as his finishing move.

145 SHINJIRO OTANI (5'8", 224, 11, 93) Former junior heavyweight star of New Japan Pro Wrestling is now a heavyweight with the Zero-One promotion ... Long-time partner of Koji Kanemoto and Tatsuhito Takaiwa is finding success on his own ... A former IWGP junior heavyweight and junior tag team champion ... The last man to hold the eight unified J-Crown titles before the championships were separated ... Loves to subdue opponents with his cobra hold ... Rise to stardom began in the early-1990s with a tag team tournament victory with then-partner Chris Benoit ... Doesn't do as much flying as he did when he was 30 pounds lighter, but still has an awesome dragon suplex in his repertoire.

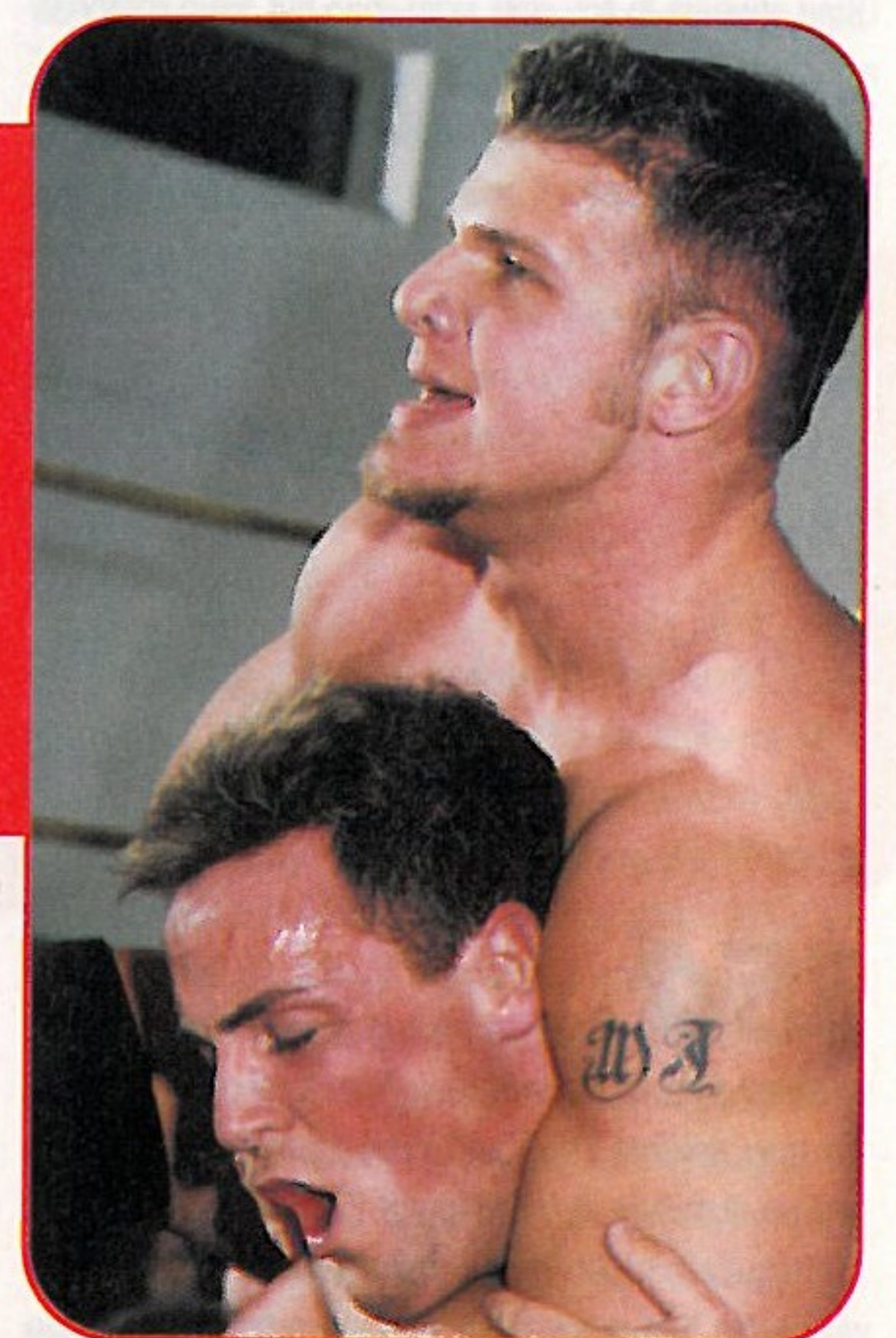
146 MARK JINDRAK (6'5", 253, 3, 119) Founding member of The Natural Born Thrillers had a transitional year ... Struggled through mid-card matches in OVW and lost several dark matches at WWE events ... After going weeks without a singles win in OVW, finally broke the losing streak with a pinfall triumph over then-OVW champion Prototype (John Cena) in a non-title match ... Based on his sheer size and ring presence, he's almost certain to be called up to WWE at some point ... Still just 24 years old.

147 MASCARA SAGRADA (5'9", 202, 18, NL) Legendary masked man is a staple of AAA ... Often teams with Octagon or one of the other veteran *technicos* ... Sometimes joined by his miniature counterpart, Mascarita Sagrada Jr. ... Has a spectacular *tope con hilo* that he executes by flipping over the ringpost to the floor ... Injured his ankle this year, but didn't take much time off ... Always bat-

ting the evil Mascara Maligna ... A recent cage match saw Sagrada retain his mask, while Pentagon lost his ... One of Mexico's most enduring characters ... Lightning-quick huracanrana is technically perfect.

148 NAOYA OGAWA (6', 232, 6, 108) Judo master is not only a star in Zero-One, he's one of Japan's biggest sports celebrities ... Long-time rival of Shinya Hashimoto ... The two now team from time to time ... Groomed for stardom by Antonio Inoki, who likes crossover wrestlers with backgrounds in other types of physical combat ... Known for his disagreeable and largely uncooperative attitude ... Popped up in the rings of New Japan Pro Wrestling a number of times ... A gifted mixed martial artist who adapted to pro wrestling very quickly ... His mat game is among the best in the business, as he can work his jointlock submissions and chokeholds from virtually any angle ... A former NWA heavyweight champion ... Pet move is the STO, which stands for Space Takedown Ogawa, a violent throw akin to the side Russian leg sweep.

149 SHANE DOUGLAS (6'1", 240, 16, NL) One of the most sought-after big-name talents on the independent circuit ... Substituted for Ronnie Zukko against Maryland Championship Wrestling titleholder The Bruiser on May 22 ... He and special referee (and former WCW tag team championship partner) Rick Steamboat ended up in a brawl with The Bruiser before the match was over ... Returned to the site of his greatest triumphs, Philadelphia's Viking Hall (formerly known as ECW Arena), in mid-2002 to become the first Major League Wrestling champion ... A former ECW heavyweight and TV titleholder.



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150 TADAO YASUDA (6', 244, 23, NL) Middle-aged New Japan star briefly held the IWGP heavyweight title this year, but lost it to Yuji Nagata in just his second title defense ... Gained some momentum after dabbling in mixed martial arts competitions ... Spent years languishing at the bottom of NJPW cards ... Family and gambling problems became public record last year, when he first entered mixed martial arts competition, prompting fans to rally behind him ... Uses the guillotine choke to force opponents to submit.

151 JOEY MATTHEWS (5'9", 185, 6, 124) Teams with Christian York ... They defeated Rich Myers and Earl the Pearl for the Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team title on November 3 ... Lost the belts to Chad Bowman and Dino Devine at the "Tribute To Legends" show on May 22 ... Matthews and York had exciting matches against The Backseat Boyz and The Maximo Brothers this year ... Failed to retain the Shane Shamrock Memorial Cup this year ... Also competes in Ring of Honor, NWA-TNA, and other high-profile independent promotions.

152 ALEBRIJE (5'10", 210, 3, NL) Bright-colored costume makes him a favorite among young Lucha Libre fans ... Heavyweight *technico* of AAA is a talented aerial wrestler and brawler ... Usually seen with Cuije, his miniature counterpart who is always ready to lend a helping hand ... Giant pink and purple wings and claws make him easy to spot in eight-man tag matches ... Has been feuding off and on with Monster and his mini-sidekick, Chucky ... Often appears in six- and eight-man tag team matches alongside AAA's bogus La Parka, Mascara Sagrada, and Octagon ... Had his hair cut earlier this year, but has yet to lose his mask.

153 CRASH HOLLY (5'9", 225, 13, 74) Recruited by Raw in the WWF brand extension ... Has been almost a non-factor ... A dependable talent on house shows, however ... It has been nearly two years since the 24/7 rule made his hardcore title defenses so entertaining ... Shows hardly no allegiance to Bob or Molly Holly anymore ... Didn't get close to either the WWF light heavyweight or WCW cruiserweight titles last year.

154 GEDO (5'7", 215, 9, 146) Former IWGP junior tag team champion has wrestled all over the world ... Appeared regularly with the now-defunct FMW and WAR promotions ... Popped up stateside in the rings of ECW a few years ago ... Regular partner Jado followed him to New Japan, where the two quickly became a top tandem ... The

duo had spent years under Kodo Fuyuki in FMW's Team No Respect stable ... Currently feuding with Jushin Liger and Minoru Tanaka ... Has a great pinning combination in his barrel roll variation he calls the Gedo clutch.

155 SHARK BOY (5'10", 180, 5, 157) His matches against Heartland Wrestling Association cruiserweight champ Jamie Noble were among the best of his career ... Makes most of his HWA appearances in the Cincinnati and Dayton areas ... Appeared on World Wrestling All-Stars' first live pay-per-view in America ... Competes for promotions all across America ... His signature maneuver is the dead sea drop ... Teamed with partners such as Steve Blackman and Maven on HWA shows.

156 CHRISTIAN YORK (5'10", 218, 4, 128) He and Joey Matthews won the Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team title from Rich Myers and Earl the Pearl in November ... They lost the belts to Chad Bowman and Dino Devine at May's "Tribute To Legends" show in Glen Burnie ... Engaged in rivalries with The Backseat Boyz and The Maximo Brothers ... Competed on NWA-TNA's first pay-per-view ... He and Joey also compete in Ring of Honor, PWF Universal, and several other East Coast-based promotions.

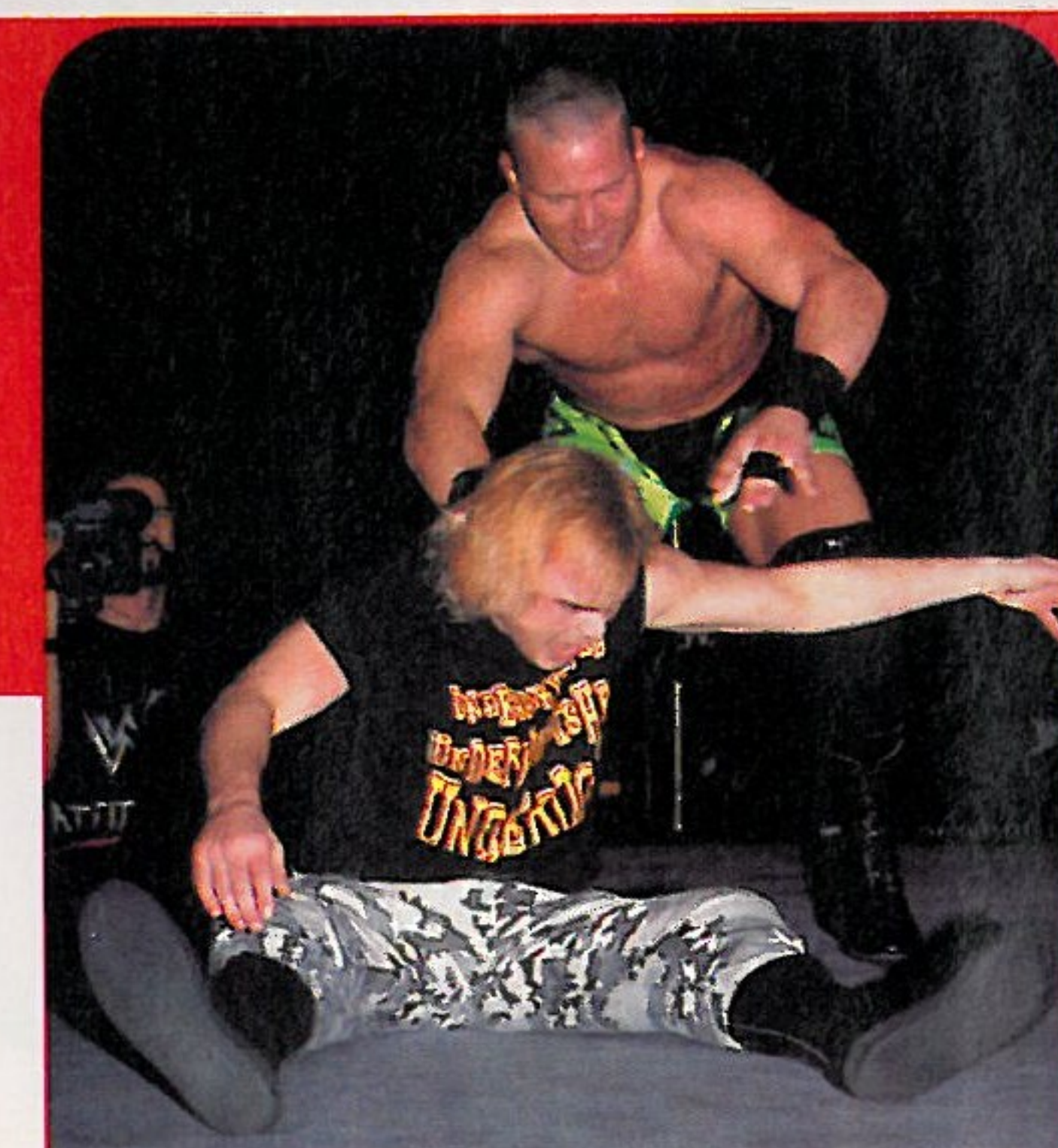
157 DOUG "MACHINE" BASHAM (6'2", 245, 9, NL) Former OWW champion is a bright prospect for WWE ... The nephew of OWW owner Danny Davis ... Made his debut as "All-American" Doug Basham ... Disappeared for a while and reappeared in March 2001 as the masked Machine ... Was forced to unmask after a loss to nemesis Nick Dinsmore ... The leader of The Revolution, a heel clique determined to take over OWW ... Basham was a shareholder in the company, but put his

stock on the line to get Uncle Danny in the ring. Davis, Dinsmore, and Rob Conway beat Basham, Queen Victoria, and The Damaja ... Was forced out of the promotion by Davis, only to return with a WWE developmental deal ... Solid mat technician with an evil streak.



158 JADO (5'6", 198, 9, 151) Along with Gedo, he's become one of Japan's most respected tag team wrestlers ... Former IWGP junior tag team champion ... Nagging injuries forced him to miss some action this year ... Formerly a key player in Kodo Fuyuki's Team No Respect group—before the demise of FMW, of course ... Has had some intense matches with Jushin Liger and Minoru Tanaka ... Usually sides with Masa Chono's Team 2000 in the ongoing battles of New Japan ... Made a few appearances with ECW in the States a few years back ... Uses some nice suplex variations, like the German and the fisherman, to help him to victory.

159 SATANICO (5'9", 214, 29, 77) Aging *rudo* has been entertaining fans for so many years that he's almost an inadvertent fan favorite ... One of the founders of Los Infernales, a stable from the 1970s that has been reborn in the rings of EMLL ... Has years of international experience to his credit ... One of the few Luchadors to stay strong years after the loss of a mask ... Long battles with the likes of Ultimo Guerrero, Tarzan Boy, and Rey Bucanero have been thrilling to watch ... Forms an off-again, on-again team with Mephisto and Averno ... Favored move is the kick to the groin, which he often executes in plain view of the official.

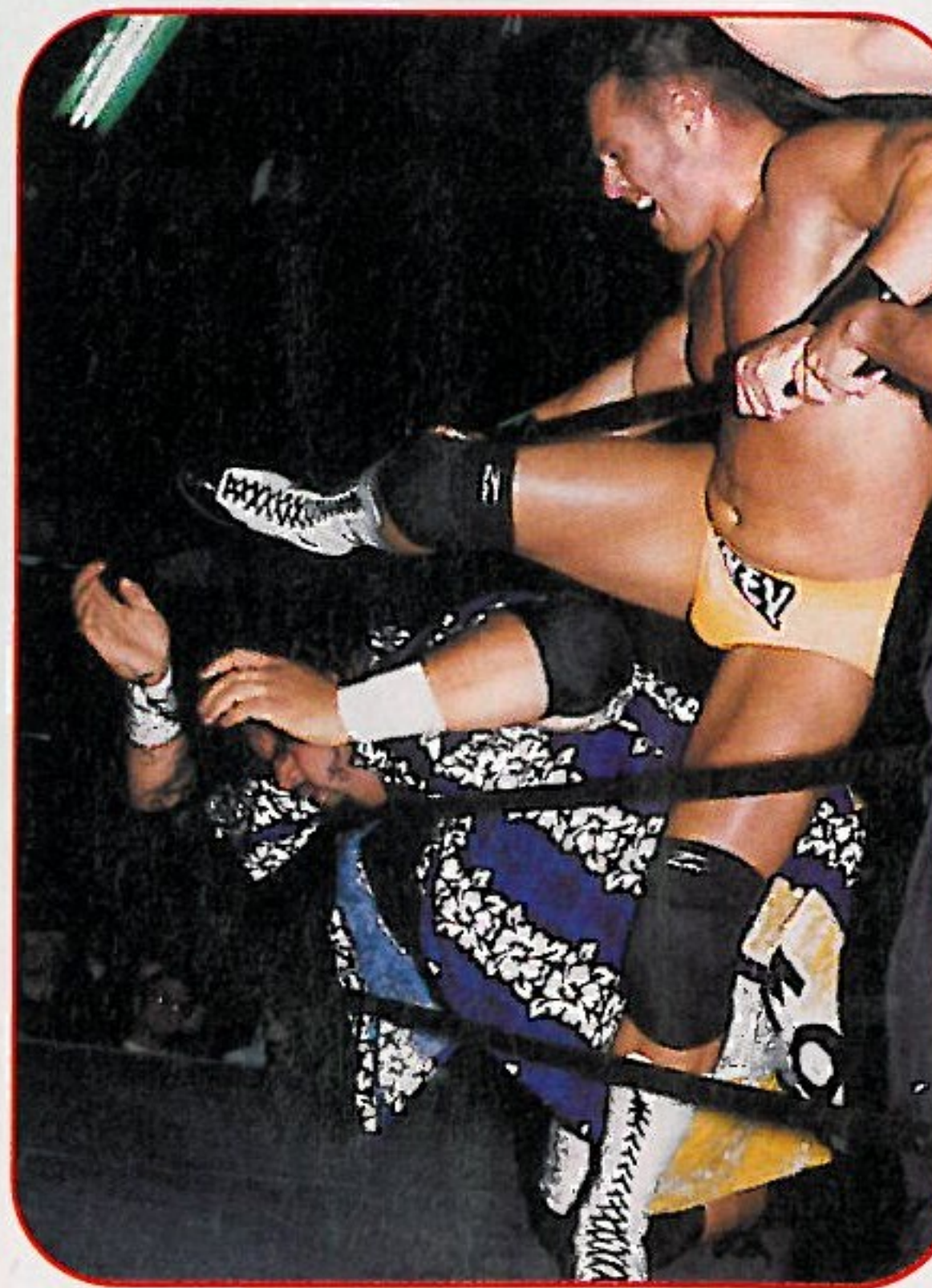


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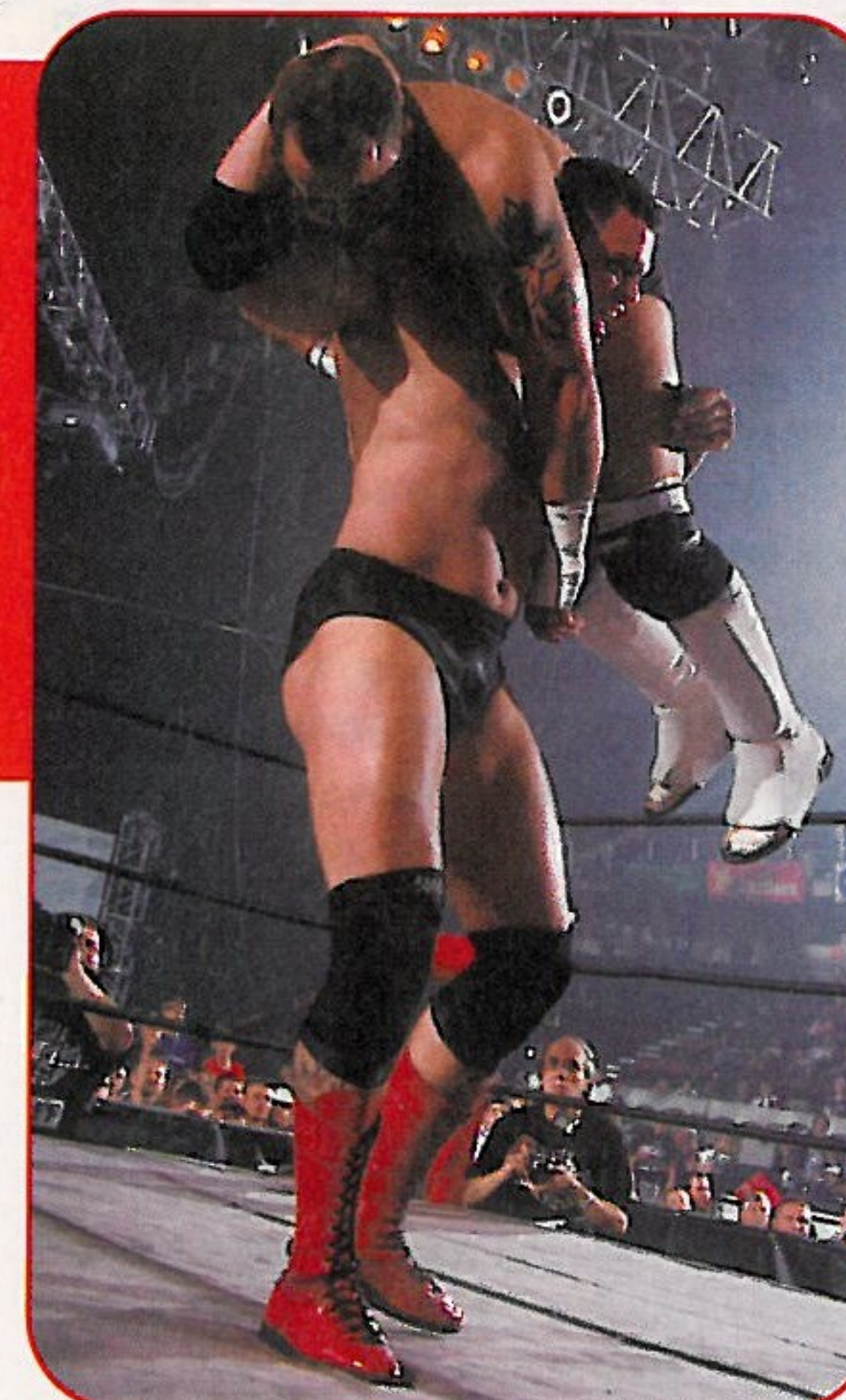
160 GRAN APOLO (6'4", 225, 3, 207) Competes in Puerto Rico and also NWA-TNA ... The most popular star in the International Wrestling Association ... Teams with Ricky Banderas there ... Tours Mexico, Japan, and the mainland U.S. on occasion ... His chances for employment in WWE have been dampened since it no longer has a working relationship with the IWA ... His finishers are the power bomb and inverted figure-four leglock ... A persistent force in the IWA heavyweight title picture.

161 MALICE (6'10", 320, 8, NL) This monster literally went from nowhere to the number two man of the NWA-TNA promotion over night ... Almost defeated Ken Shamrock for the NWA heavyweight title ... Formerly known as The Wall in WCW, but looks completely different now ... Only a few weeks prior to the inaugural pay-per-view, he replaced Bam Bam Bigelow in Major League Wrestling's tournament to crown a champion ... Did surprisingly well against Taiyo Kea, but couldn't beat the All-Japan sensation ... Wrestles regularly on the New Jersey independent scene.

162 FLASH (6'2", 232, 10, 184) "The Man Who Loves To Steal The Show" earned his WWE developmental deal with a win over



Chris Jericho last year, but lost that deal in early-July 2002 ... Former OWW champ can be a fan favorite or a heel, depending on his mood ... Is equally adept at catch-as-catch-can and hardcore styles ... Has spent the past several months teaming with Trailer Park Trash and feuding with The Revolution, The Disciples of Synn, and Bolin Services ... Jim Cornette refers to him as "the angry young man of OWW."



163 BUFF BAGWELL (6'1", 240, 12, 150) His most recent high-profile matches have occurred in NWA-TNA, where he seems to be doubting the "Buff" character ... Usually hears a mixture of cheers and boos ... Makes nearly as many special appearances at grand opening and other functions throughout the South as he does actual wrestling appearances ... Rose to prominence in WCW.

164 E.Z. MONEY (6'2", 239, 12, 272) This former ECW and WCW standout was picked up by WWE last year ... Spent most of his time toiling in Heartland Wrestling Association ... A high-flying daredevil who loves to dazzle fans with his aerial expertise ... Defeated D-Lo Brown in the finals of a 16-man tournament to win the HWA heavyweight title ... Reigned as champion for six months ... His hometown is Atlantic City, New Jersey.

165 MILANO COLLECTION AT (5'11", 179, 2, NL) Top star of the fledgling Toryumon 200 Project (T2P), the latest creation from Ultimo Dragon ... Kickstarted his career with a number of lopsided wins over the more experienced Ryo Saito ... Claims to be an Italian supermodel, and walks his invisible dog to ringside ... Regularly teams up with Stevie Tsujimoto and Masato Yoshino to form The Italian Connection ... Better suited to tag and six-man matches than singles competition ... A submission virtuoso, his style is a tribute to Lucha legends like Dos Caras ... Loads his arsenal with moves like la Nieblina, the Goliath bird eater, and his personal favorite, the AT lock arm submission.

166 MINORU FUJITA (5'10", 199, 5, 138) Big Japan Pro Wrestling prodigy soared through the ranks of *puroresu* with tours of Michinoku Pro, Toryumon, New Japan, and the United States ... Spent several months in North America, then joined the IWA in Puerto Rico, where he became junior heavyweight champion ... Currently the top star of Taka Michinoku's new Kaientai Dojo promotion ... International experience has only helped his game ... Grew up idolizing the original Tiger Mask, and even uses some of his famous moves in his matches ... Has had classic matches with the likes of Shiima Nobunaga, Minoru Tanaka, and Reckless Youth ... Known for his unusual submission holds, with his trademark being the reverse viper hold ... Has a great array of bridging suplexes at his disposal.

167 DRAGON KID (5'6", 165, 4, 160) One of the world's premier high-flyers is at home in Toryumon group ... Splits his time between Mexico and Japan ... Has teamed with Ryo Saito, Super Shisa, Ricky Marvin, and Tokyo Magnum in various combinations throughout the year ... Undersized masked man routinely invents new moves and holds in his matches ... Always at odds with Masaaki Mochizuki's M2K stable ... His flashy costumes are tailored after his mentor's; he looks just like a smaller Ultimo Dragon ... Famed for two daring variations of the huracanrana: The Dragon ray is a blind rana from the turnbuckles, and his Dragonrana is an unbelievable 450 splash-turned-huracanrana!

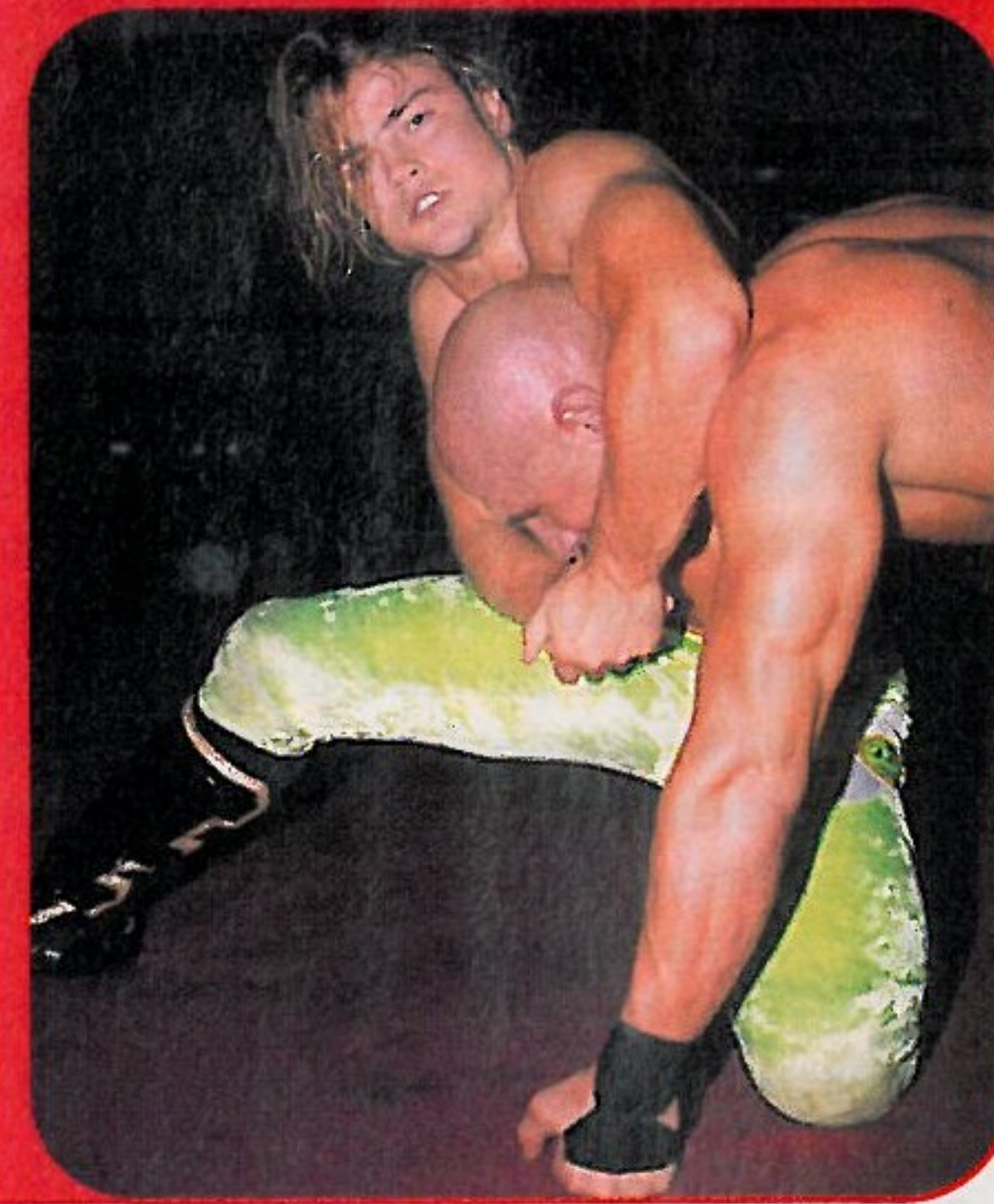
168 DAVID FLAIR (6'3", 225, 4, 183) Son of the "Nature Boy" has reinvented himself in Ohio Valley ... Former WCW U.S. champion has become a popular scientific wrestler ... Was unable to earn a singles victory for several weeks early this year, but treated each loss as an opportunity to learn something ... Scored a stunning upset win over The Prototype (John Cena) just one week before Prototype beat Leviathan (Batista) for the OWW heavyweight title ... Flair proved to be one of Proto's most persistent challengers ... Still emulates his dad with the figure-four and reverse knife-edge chops, but also has added the moonsault to his repertoire.

169 MIKE BARTON (6'4", 256, 10, 139) Known as Bart Gunn years ago, his knockout victory over Steve Williams in a "Brawl For All" match made him a sensation in Japan ... Has been a full-timer with All-Japan Pro Wrestling since he departed the WWF in the late-1990s ... Quickly became one of the company's most popular foreign stars ... Hard body blows and punches are his favorite strikes ... A former WWF World tag team champion with Billy Gunn ... Made it all the way to the finals of the Champion Carnival this year, last pinning Genichiro Tenryu ... Doing fine on his own now that regular partner Johnny Ace has departed All-Japan.

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170 BULL BUCHANAN (6'3", 266, 6, 81) The former Big Bossman sidekick and Right To Censor goon has shown a lot more personality in Ohio Valley Wrestling ... When RTC fell apart, Buchanan returned to OVW and set his sights on then-champion Doug Basham ... Though Buchanan dominated their feud, Basham managed to escape with the belt ... It was during this feud that Buchanan revealed his fixation with surveillance videos, secretly gathering footage of Basham and Victoria as they exited the shower together ... Teamed with Big Bad John against Flash and Trailer Park Trash ... A vicious man with an impressive scissors kick.

171 SPANKY (5'10", 165, 3, 208) This former WWE developmental continues to dazzle the fans ... His eccentric, playful personality makes him one of the more fun guys to watch ... He's the darling of the Japanese fans in Zero-One ... A lightning quick high-flyer who knows how to maximize the impact of his small frame ... Wrestles all over the country, but is a top contender in Ring Of Honor ... Originally trained at Shawn Michaels Wrestling Academy.



172 THE SANDMAN (6'3", 244, 13, 107) Beat Supreme to become King of the Deathmatch with the help of The Enterprise ... Unable to beat XPW champion Webb because of constant stipulation changes by Rob Black ... Pinned Webb on one occasion, but Black said it wasn't a sanctioned title match ... Popular throughout the independent circuit despite some questionable alliances ... A former ECW World champion ... Still very active on the independents, wrestling mostly in the Northeast, XPW, and Florida.

173 DAMAJA (6'3", 240, 3, 323) Two-time former OVW champion turned

his back on Nick Dinsmore and Rob Conway to join "The Machine" Doug Basham's Revolution ... Resented the fact Conway and Dinsmore had WWE developmental deals and he didn't—now he has one, too ... On February 9, Basham and Damaja won the OVW Southern tag titles from Conway and Dinsmore in a controversial 30-minute Iron Man match ... Conway and Dinsmore regained the belts at a dark match on a WWE card ... Was fired by OVW owner Danny Davis, but WWE talent agents Tom Prichard and Kevin Kelly signed The Revolution to developmental deals and re-assigned them to OVW ... Brain Damaja finisher is a variation of Albert's Baldo bomb ... Also majoring in exercise science at the University of Louisville.

174 CHRIS NELSON (6', 225, 10, 299) Comprises The New Heavenly Bodies along with partner Vito DeNucci ... Wrestles primarily in Florida, but has branched out during the last year, wrestling all over the U.S. and doing several overseas tours ... He and DeNucci held the NWA tag team title for most of the past year, but they lost it several times to Disturbing Behavior, Glacier and Jason Sugarman, and The Shane Twins ... Managed by "Gigolo" Jimmy Del Ray, one of the original Heavenly Bodies ... Recently suffered a severe head injury and may be forced to retire.

175 CHAD COLLYER (5'10", 218, 4, 164) It's been a bittersweet year ... Signed a developmental contract with WWE during the spring, but was recently released with the cutbacks ... Won the HWA cruiserweight title from Shannon Moore on February 13 and continued to feud with Moore for the belt until the WWE pulled out of HWA ... Has also held the HWA heavyweight title previously ... Frequently wrestles in Michinoku Pro in Japan and All Star Promotions in England ... A two-time former NCAA National finalist.

176 VITO DeNUCCI (6'3", 240, 4, 305) Spent most of the last year as one-half of the NWA tag team champions, The New Heavenly Bodies, along with his partner, Chris Nelson ... The Bodies spent much of the past year ranked in the PWI top 10 tag teams, the first NWA-based team to do so in many years ... Lost the title in January to the team of Glacier and Jason Sugarman, but regained them the next night ... Traded the belts with Disturbing Behavior in the spring before finally losing the belts to The Shane Twins in Lima Peru in June ... Wrestled several times on *Metal*, *Jakked*, and in dark matches ... Wrestled Konnan on the XWF tapings in Orlando in November ... Recently toured Saudi Arabia.

177 TATSUHIITO TAKAIWA (5'10", 227, 9, 100) Former New Japan Pro Wrestling standout has staked his claim to stardom in Zero-One ... A former IWGP junior tag team champi-

on alongside Shinjiro Otani ... Battles with Naohiro Hoshikawa have produced some of the most exciting strong-style matches all year ... Made a name for himself at the Skydiving J in 1997, his first breakthrough performance ... Held the IWGP junior title briefly after an outstanding match with Jushin Liger, but eventually lost the title to Minoru Tanaka ... Bulky junior heavyweight can overpower almost anyone in his weight class ... Punishes foes with his repeating power bomb ... Favorite move is the Death Valley driver.

178 RICKY MARVIN (5'6", 152, 4, 120) High-flying sensation is a star not only in Mexico with EMLL, but in Japan with the Toryumon as well ... Made a big splash at the 2000 Super J-Cup in his match with Shiima Nobunaga ... Grueling weight training regimen has paid off for Marvin, who has added impressive muscle tone ... Has a large international following and is especially popular with young female fans ... Innovative style is reminiscent of that of Rey Misterio Jr. early in his career ... Lost his Mexican lightweight title to Loco Max this year, but has been lobbying for a return match ... Avoided losing his long hair a number of times this year in hotly contested hair vs. hair matches ... Has a number of huracanrana and corkscrew dive variations in his extensive aerial repertoire.



179 TONY KOZINA (5'6", 174, 5, 196) Won a sixth NWA Pacific Northwest junior heavyweight title ... On the verge of beating NWA Canadian junior heavyweight champion Chance Beckett when American Dragon attacked him ... Based in the Pacific Northwest, but also competes on the East Coast ... Also wrestles for Western Canadian Extreme Wrestling ... Faced Vic Grimes in a wild encounter at a Big Time Wrestling show in Anderson, California ... Aligned with the Southern Cal-Union in Xtreme Pro Wrestling ... Forced Low-Ki to submit at a Jersey All-Pro event.

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180 DANNY DORING (5'10", 202, 4, 118) Reduced his schedule in his native New Jersey and emerged as the NWA Florida State champion ... Beat Christian York at a Maryland Championship Wrestling show on July 17, a rare Florida title defense outside of the Sunshine State ... Wrestled through a concussion this year ... Lost the Florida belt to Christopher Daniels in a three-way match also involving Scoot Andrews and Mike Sullivan ... Regained the strap a day later ... Known as "Dastardly" Danny and his personal favorite, "The Danaconda."

181 TAKEHIRO MURAHAMA (5'9", 207, 3, 149) Skilled kickboxer has made a remarkable transition to the world of pro wrestling ... At first, Osaka Pro fans hated his rough, strike-based offense, but he has won them over with consistency and hard work ... Now teams with Super Delfin, a man he fought on a number of occasions in his rookie year ... Has popped up from time to time in New Japan Pro Wrestling, where he matches up nicely with Minoru Tanaka ... Gifted submission specialist has a vast arsenal of leglocks and armbars he uses to subdue opponents.

182 SIMON DIAMOND (6'1", 225, 11, 174) This former blue-chipper has never quite found his niche in any major promotion ... Wrestles for promotions all over North America, including Border City Wrestling, Midwest Championship Wrestling, and QWA ... Often teams with Johnny Swinger, with whom he won the BCW tag team title ... Has held several singles and tag team titles throughout his career ... Engaged to Dawn Marie ... Recently debuted on NWA-TNA alongside Swinger.



183 RACE STEELE (6'3", 255, 2, 271) One of the top wrestlers in Heartland Wrestling Association even before he was given a WWE developmental contract ... Has competed all across the Mid West ... Played football at the University of New Mexico ... Has held the HWA heavyweight title four times ... A former shootfighter ... Finisher is the Steel cutter.

184 JULIO DINERO (6'2", 235, 9, 172) Lost the MCW Rage TV title to Marcus Jordan on November 3 ... Accompanied by Alexis Laree ... This veteran has competed in the WWF, WCW, and ECW ... Combines a high-flying attack with some martial arts skills ... His spinning kicks set up his finisher, the superkick ... Wrestles primarily on the East Coast, but appears in other part of the U.S. when necessary ... Calls himself "Hot Property."

185 SEAN CASEY (5'9", 218, 9, NL) The only pro wrestler besides Shawn Michaels ever to grace the pages of *Playgirl* magazine ... Looks a lot like what Sammy Hagar would look like if he got buff ... Actually, his favorite band is Europe, not Van Halen ... One of the most arrogant wrestlers in OVW ... Hasn't had too much success ... Has formed a decent team with Chris Michaels ... The consensus on his pre-match pelvic thrusts and gyrations is that they are more disturbing than sexy ... Nonetheless, often accompanied by his "Sexettes," a harem of female admirers.

186 MIKE SHANE (6'4", 305, 6, 255) Teams with his twin brother, Todd ... Dominated competition in the X Wrestling Federation by defeating The Nasty Boys, The Harris Boys, and Public Enemy by pinfall, and The Road Warriors by disqualification ... They won and lost the NWA tag team title, and held the NWA Florida tag belts ... He and Todd beat Da Hit Squad for the Jersey All-Pro tag straps ... Pinned Chris Canyon at a WWE show in Tampa ... Served as a henchman for the hated Savio Vega in Puerto Rico's IWA ... Based in IPW Hardcore Wrestling ... The Shanes are the top tag team in Total Nonstop Action ... They have since regained the NWA tag team championship.

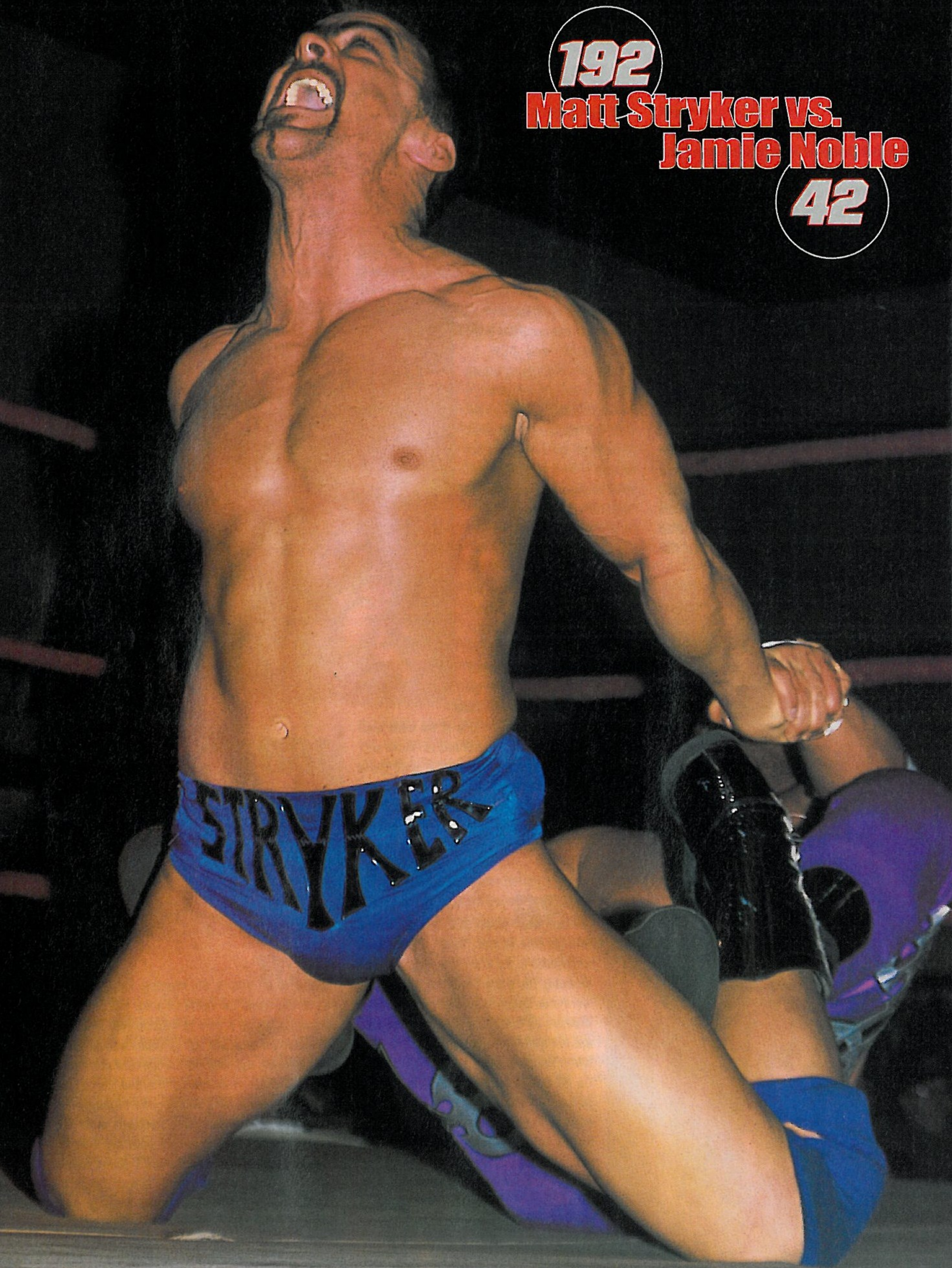
187 TODD SHANE (6'4", 305, 5, 256) He and his twin brother, Mike, steamrolled Wrongful Death for their second NWA Florida tag team title in St. Petersburg ... The Shanes are billed as "The Pit Bulls" in IWA's Puerto Rico ... Traded the NWA tag team title with The Heavenly Bodies during a tour of Peru ... Devastated the competition in the X Wrestling Federation ... Has held the IPW and Jersey-All Pro tag team championships ... Has become a regular in NWA Total Nonstop Action ... Todd and Mike have regained the NWA tag belts.



188 GUIDO MARTATO (5'9", 201, 11, 141) Competes primarily in the Northeast ... Had an amicable split with former ECW tag team championship partner Tony Mamaluke ... Held the Border City tag team title this year ... Wrestles under the name James Maritato, in an attempt to get serious in Ring of Honor, where his style might finally receive the respect it deserves ... Trained by perhaps the greatest living shooter, Billy Robinson.

189 ELECTRO SHOCK (5'10", 205, 5, 69) Imposing rudo has been part of AAA stable Los Vipers for a few years now ... Sometimes brings a prod to ringside with him a la The Mountie of a decade ago ... Wears a small mask over his mouth and nose like the one used to restrain Hannibal Lecter in the movie *The Silence Of The Lambs* ... Teams with Cibernetico regularly ... Briefly held the Mexican title ... Scourge of all the AAA technicians ... Long battles with the likes of Oriental, May Flowers, and Sangre Chicana ended with heel referee Tirantes getting his head shaved in the ring ... Hated throughout Mexico for his flagrant disregard of the rules.

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pated in a WWE tryout camp held in Cincinnati and trained and wrestled with the WWE developmental wrestlers in HWA on a regular basis ... The Death Valley driver and Stryker driver are his finishing maneuvers.

193 TOM HOWARD (6'4", 250, 9, NL) Well-rounded in the Lucha, shootfighting, and American styles ... A Green Beret ... Head instructor of UPW's Ultimate University ... Defeated Christopher Daniels for the UPW title in May ... Began his career in AAA and has done extensive touring of Mexico and Japan ... The most successful American star in Japan's Zero-One.

194 K-KRUSH (6'2", 225, 5, 131) No longer employed by WWE, where he wrestled as K-Kwik ... Wrestled in Xtreme Pro Wrestling, where he changed his name to E. Malik Shabazz ... Joined Raphael Muhammad to form The New Panthers ... Now competes in NWA-TNA, where he is citing racial issues as to why he's not given championship opportunities ... Wants to be called The Truth ... Also wrestles on the independents when he gets the chance ... Released a rap single called "I've Got Issues" a few years ago.



196 GRAN NANIWA (5'7", 194, 8, 169) Masked junior heavyweight began his career as Super Delfin's sidekick in Michinoku Pro ... Has wrestled for New Japan, Big Japan, WAR, and a slew of others ... Now at home in All-Japan Pro Wrestling, where he is feuding with Kendo Ka Shin over the junior heavyweight title ... Appeared in the 1995 Super J Cup, beating Damien before being eliminated by Jushin Liger ... Easy to spot with his trademark crab mask ... Sometimes wears giant lobster claws to the ring ... Inventor of the crab elbow, a move performed by walking the second rope to mid-ring before leaping out with an elbowdrop ... Often thought of as a comedy act, a label he has tried to shed over the years ... Briefly appeared in the United States in 1997 with ECW ... Finishes off his opponents with the Doctor bomb.

197 EVAN KARAGIAS (5'11", 169, 4, 168) Made a surprise appearance at an AWA Wrestling Entertainment event, challenged Eric Priest for the heavyweight title, and became the new champion all in one night ... Still pursuing his acting career, and recently appeared on *Passions* ... Left behind his WWE developmental deal and has kept busy on the independent circuit ... Best known as the leader of Three-Count in WCW ... Had a recurring role on *All My Children*.

198 JOHNNY SMITH (6', 235, 20, 135) British wrestler has been at home for years in All-Japan Pro Wrestling, where his no-nonsense mat style has won him fans and acclaim ... Sometimes thought of as the third British Bulldog because of his involvement with Dynamite Kid and Davey Boy Smith in the 1980s ... A former tag team

champion with Jim Steele/Wolf Hawkfield ... Spent some time on the shelf this year nursing injuries, but missed only one tour with AJPW ... Gained valuable experience early in his career with Stu Hart's Calgary Stampede promotion in Canada ... Has a solid finishing move with his British fall, an unusual bodyslam variation that he turns into an inverted DDT.

199 BOBBY RUDE (6'1", 232, 4, NL) Lost to Red in the opening round of the 2002 Super 8 ... The first Canadian ever to compete in the tournament ... Battled Cheetah Master at another East Coast Wrestling Association event ... Trained by The Big Valbowski and "Glamour Boy" Shane Sewell ... Wrestles in promotions throughout the Canadian Maritimes, including Real Action Wrestling ... Toured Puerto Rico ... Traveled to Cincinnati to participate in a WWE tryout camp in April.

190 TRAILER PARK TRASH (6'1", 230, 8, NL) When he's not busy teaming with Flash in OVW, can usually be found working on his Chevy and listening to Hank Williams Jr. ... Nearly had his career ended by Doug Basham last year ... The usually affable good old boy shocked his fans by turning heel this spring ... After winning the OVW Southern tag title with Flash, announced he was moving on up and leaving the his beloved trailer park ... Is never without his trusty set of brass knuckles ... Don't expect to see any fancy wrestling moves here—every match is a fistfight ... When it comes to brawling, he has been able to hold his own against anyone in OVW.

191 EL SAMURAI (5'11", 207, 16, 204) Former J-Crown and IWGP junior champion is still toiling under the New Japan banner ... Frequently tags with Jushin Liger ... Favorite move is the inverted DDT ... Off-and-on rivalry with Osaka Pro's Super Delfin seems to have cooled off for the time being ... His version of the chicken wing has been an effective submission hold for him ... Visited Mexico years ago to tune up before entering a title program with then-IWGP junior heavyweight champ Liger ... Even enjoyed two reigns as junior heavyweight champion that were highlighted by a number of outstanding matches with Ultimo Dragon ... His signature finisher is the Samurai bomb.

192 MATT STRYKER (6', 220, 4, 286) Lost to Jamie Noble in the opening round of the 2002 Super 8 ... Competes primarily in the Heartland Wrestling Association, where he feuded with Jamie Noble, Chad Collyer, and Pepper Parks ... Participated in a WWE tryout camp held in Cincinnati and trained and wrestled with the WWE developmental wrestlers in HWA on a regular basis ... The Death Valley driver and Stryker driver are his finishing maneuvers.

195 DICK TOGO (5'9", 219, 11, 126) The former Kaientai leader has returned to the company in which he rose to prominence—Michinoku Pro ... Spent almost two years with Osaka Pro following his disastrous WWF run ... Originally formed Kaientai with Terry Boy (now Men's Teoh) and Shiryu (now Kaz Hayashi), and later recruited Taka Michinoku and Shoichi Funaki ... Spent time in Mexico training in the Lucha Libre style, when he was known as the masked Sato ... Stocky grappler is a capable aerialist ... A former British Commonwealth junior champion ... Has renewed his decade-old rivalry with Great Sasuke, Gran Hamada, and Tiger Mask IV ... A gifted brawler who can throw tremendous jabs and uppercuts ... Likes to plant his opponents with a pedigree to set them up for his signature move, the top-rope senton splash.

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200 EMILIO CHARLES JR.

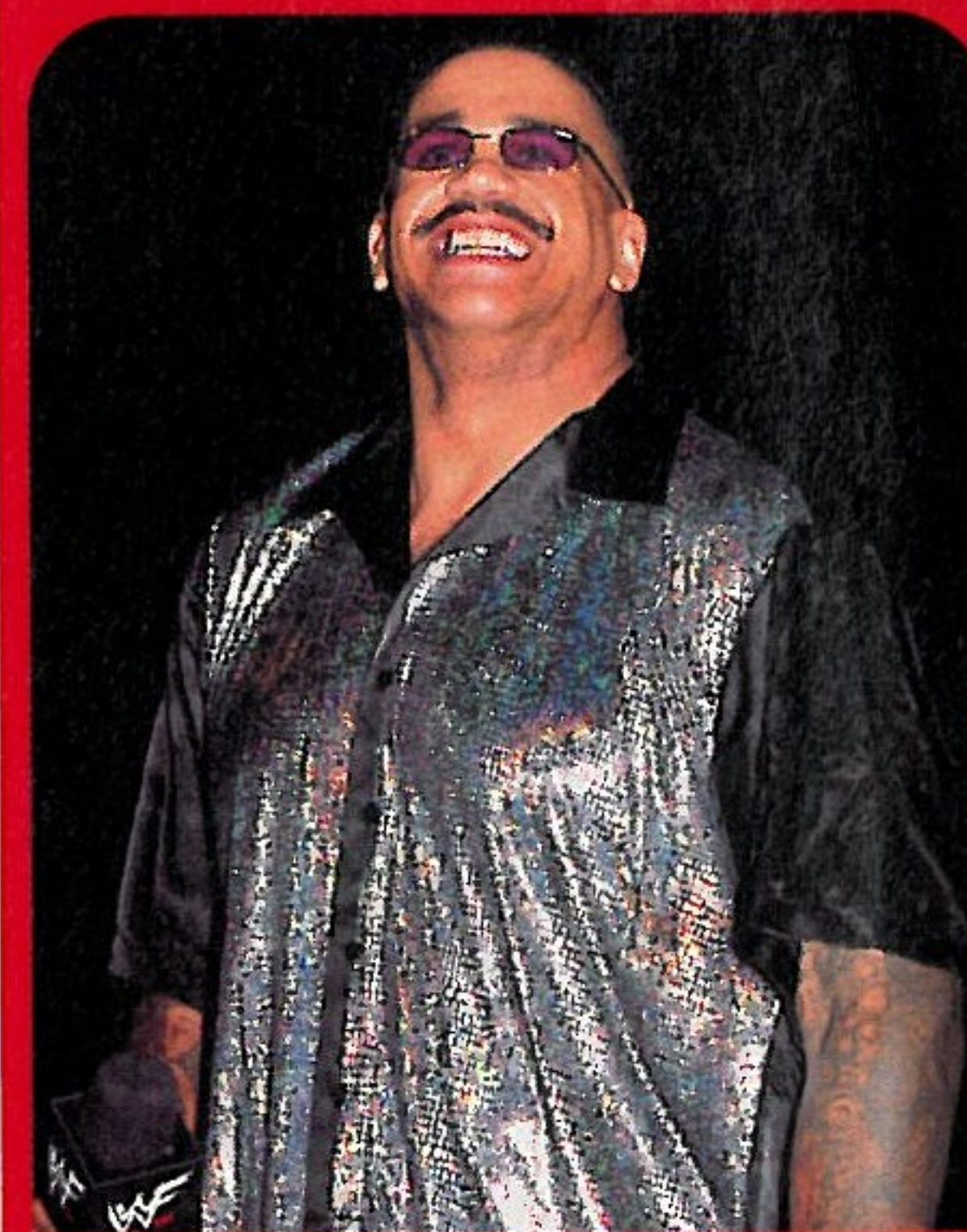
(5'8", 210, 22, 222) Long-time EMLL *rudo* still tries to hang with Los Guapos, the arrogant stable of bleached-blond wrestlers ... Has slipped to undercard status since teaming with Bestia Salvaje and Scorpio Jr. ... Usually fights various combinations of Volador Jr., Olimpico, Safari, and Tony Rivera ... Long feud with Shocker didn't help him much, as they fought for the attention of a ringside fan known as Ana, a storyline that went nowhere ... Classic old school Luchador is known for his overhand chops, hard right hands, and picture-perfect quebradora.

201 BILLY FIVES

(5'11", 235, 5, 234) In the midst of an unprecedented fourth Future of Wrestling heavyweight title reign ... Recently regained that belt from Norman Smiley ... Leads the Animal House, which includes Chris Charger, Jeff Roth, and Anthony Michaels ... One of the most popular wrestlers in Florida before he turned heel this year ... His Florida feud with Scoot Andrews spread to Delaware, where he lost to the ECWA champ in a ladder match at the 2002 Super 8 ... Holds six black belts in various martial arts.

202 THE GODFATHER

(6'6", 340, 13, 90) Restarted the ho train after Right to Censor dissolved last year ... Turned against his hos and became a heel again ... That must have not worked because he has rarely been scene on WWE television since ... Uses a variation of the ho train finisher, but it just isn't the same ... Hard to believe this guy was once billed as the "Human Fighting Machine" ... Desperately needs to reform the Nation of Domination with Faarooq and Mark Henry on *Smackdown*.



203 GRAN HAMADA

(5'4", 195, 31, 158) Highly respected Michinoku Pro veteran has been active since the 1970s and hasn't lost much of his quickness ... Was a star with New Japan Pro Wrestling during the heyday of the original Tiger Mask ... Now he forms a regular team with the fourth incarnation of Tiger Mask, as well as Great Sasuke ... His daughter, Ayako, is one of hottest female free agents in *puroresu* right now ... Credited as the first wrestler to bring the true Lucha Libre style to



Japan ... Known for his incredible headbutts ... Hot-tempered junior heavyweight has held countless singles, tag team, and even trios titles in his storied career ... Loves to break down opponents with his huracanrana from the turnbuckles and his jumping, swinging DDT ... Favorite finisher is the *Hama-chan* cutter, an Ace crusher delivered off the turnbuckle.

204 CODY HAWK

(6'2", 215, 4, 312) This surfer has traveled throughout the Mid West, but will always call Heartland Wrestling Association home ... Is currently in his second reign as the HWA heavyweight champion and is feuding with Lance Cade over the belt ... Frequently teams with "The Ice Cream Man" Tony B ... Finishing move is called the "hang 10" ... Held the HWA tag team title six times with three different partners ... Hails from Malibu Beach, California.

205 STEVE WILLIAMS

(6'2", 282, 19, 83) "Dr. Death" is back in Japan after an unremarkable stay in the United States ... Full-time with All-Japan Pro Wrestling once again, where he is a former Triple Crown champion and one of the most respected foreigners ... Often teams with Mike Rotundo ... Japanese fans haven't forgotten his knockout loss to Mike Barton (then Bart Gunn) during the WWF's failed "Brawl For All" competition ... Thick, hard-bodied competitor can absorb incredible amounts of abuse ... Inventor of the gut-wrench power bomb

named Doctor bomb in tribute to him ... The vicious backdrop driver that he uses is one of the most feared moves in all of wrestling ... Still best known for his Oklahoma stampede powerslam.

206 TSUBASA

(5'8", 202, 5, 221) Long-time fan favorite in Osaka Pro turned his back on the fans and went the way of the *rudo* ... Regular partner of Black Buffalo ... The duo call themselves Infinity ... Also pairs up with GAMMA from time to time ... Opposes the likes of Super Delfin, Super Demekin, and Takehiro Murahama ... Appears for IWRG and some other Mexican independent groups ... Masked man blends the Japanese and Mexican wrestling styles seamlessly ... Sometimes accompanied to the ring by Francoise ... Replaced Dick Togo as one of the most hated competitors in Osaka Pro ... His unique 450 splash variation is a whirling bodypress that seems to defy gravity.

207 EL FELINO

(5'7", 190, 20, 163) EMLL veteran is double-quick both on the mat and in the air ... His colorful signature bodysuit is complete with tiger stripes and fur, making him easy to identify ... Has international experience, even faring well in New Japan's "Best Of The Super Junior" tourney a few years back ... Dominant in middleweight and welterweight classes ... Has won a number of singles tournaments over the years ... Not as active with EMLL as he was last year, but hasn't lost a step ... Lobbying for a CMLL tag title shot with Rey Bucanero and Ultimo Guerrero ... Sometimes teams with fellow technicos Negro Casas and Lizmark Jr. ... Still has one of the best plancha suicidas in Mexico.

208 CURT HENNIG

(6'2", 235, 23, NL) Established himself as a top independent star by mid-2001, following another long hiatus ... Lost to Hulk Hogan at the X Wrestling Federation television tapings in November ... Participated in the Royal Rumble after a five-year absence from the WWF ... "Mr. Perfect" impressed officials enough to earn a regular spot in the company ... Far from perfect during this stint ... Highest-profile match was a loss to Steve Austin in a Raw main event ... Released by the WWE after unprofessional conduct during a trans-Atlantic flight ... Now available for indy bookings again.

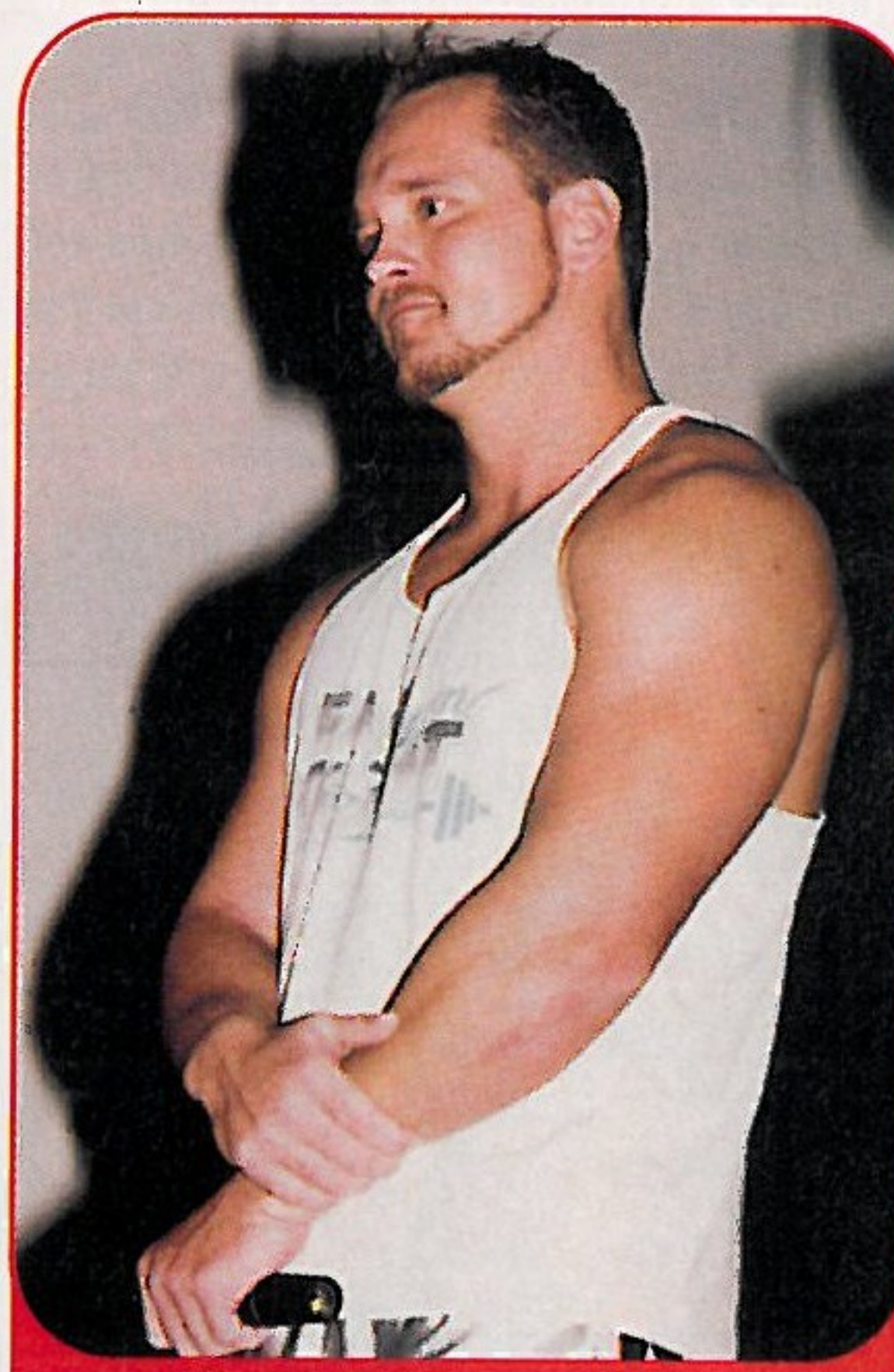
209 SHINYA MAKABE

(6'1", 223, 4, 239) This New Japan novice spent most of the year touring Europe and Puerto Rico as Dragon Makabe ... made a splash at the 2000 J-Cup tournament in a losing effort to Michinoku Pro's Gran Hamada ... powerful junior heavyweight reminds many of Tatsuhiro Takaiwa ... known for his ferocious spear ... Picked up some very valuable experience in last year's "Best Of The Super Junior" tourney ... sometimes teams with Minoru Fujita ... solid mat game is his biggest strength, but he lacks diversity in his repertoire.

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210 FRANKIE KAZARIAN

(5'10", 198, 6, 319) He and Nova, known as Evolution, were the longest-reigning Ultimate Pro tag team champions of all-time ... They lost the belts to The Ballard Brothers in May ... Teamed with Nova in Japan ... Evolution also wrestled Edge and Christian last year ... Plans to re-form Evolution with new partner Jerry Lynn since Nova left for Ohio Valley ... His new signature move is the revolution ... Trained



at Killer Kowalski's school ... The "Introducing" subject in the November 2002 issue of *The Wrestler*.

211 DAMIEN

(6'1", 240, 3, NL) One half of The Disciples of Synn together with Payne ... You could say Damien is the less stable of the two ... Brought to OWW by manager Synn, he rarely speaks though he often mutters or shouts non-specific threats ... Formerly teamed with Slash, but Synn persuaded Payne to join the dark side and join the Disciples ... Wrestling style is surprisingly old school ... Tends to focus on an injured body part and make quick tags, but will then dig his fingers into an opponents' eyeballs and laugh about it ... Feuded with Brock Lesnar and Shelton Benjamin and Benjamin and Red Dogg.

212 OCTAGON

(5'7", 190, 13, 95) Veteran AAA *tecnico* has been a regular with the company for more than a decade ... Still locks up with his evil nemesis, Pentagon, and finally unmasked him in a wild cage match in July ... Often joins Mascara Sagrada in battling his dark counterpart, Mascara Maligna ... Has survived countless mask vs. mask matches with his identity still hidden ... Known for his incredibly quick armdrags and drop-

kicks ... Octagoncito, the mini version of Octagon, is just as popular as his full-sized counterpart ... Gave up a promising career as an attorney to become a Luchador ... Favorite submission hold is the ground octopus hold, which he often applies from the side Russian leg sweep position.

213 BLACK BUFFALO

(5'10", 201, 5, NL) One of Osaka Pro's despised *rudos* has been a tag team specialist for years ... Former partner of Dick Togo and Daioh Qualit ... Now forms the red-hot Infinity team with new partner Tsubasa ... Has an off-again, on-again alliance with GAMMA and his lovely valet, Francoise ... Feuds with the likes of Super Delfin and Super Demekin ... Outlandish mask is easy to spot, with its oversized buffalo horns ... Strong power game often overshadows what a competent mat wrestler he is.

214 MIKE SANDERS

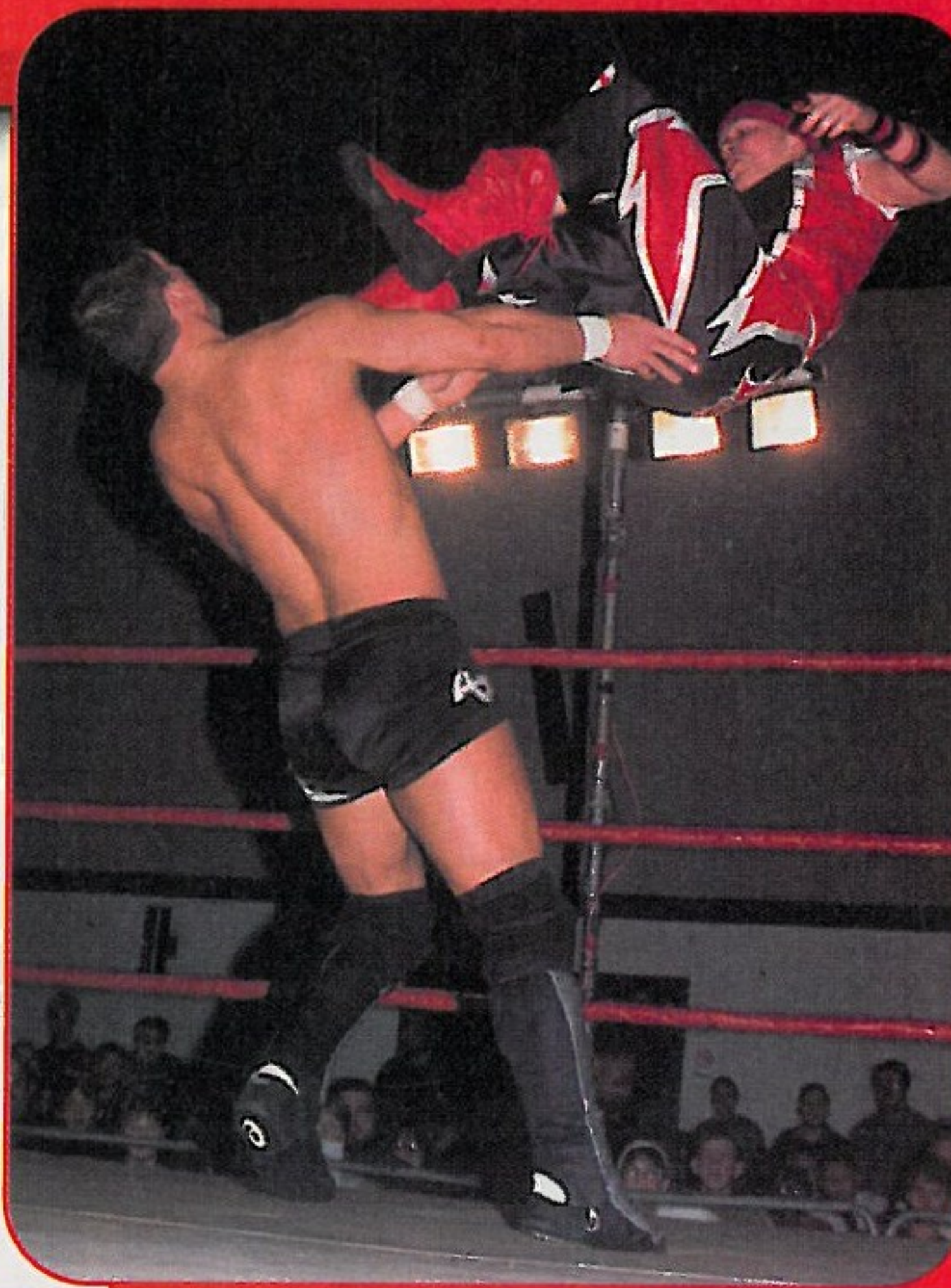
(6'1", 225, 4, NL) This former Natural Born Thriller's contract was bought by WWE and he was reassigned to Heartland Wrestling Association ... Became the leader and spokesperson for the WCW crew in their fight with the WWF developmentals in HWA ... Hometown is Atlanta, Georgia ... Spent several months on the sideline with a broken foot ... Was rumored to have been given a tryout as a WWE color commentator, but nothing came of it ... Recently released from his WWE contract.

215 HOTSTUFF HERNAN-DEZ

(6'1", 275, 5, 295) Competes in Texas, Mississippi, and Florida ... Sometimes wrestles in All-Japan and Zero-One ... Rivals include The Necro Butcher, Kevin Northcutt, and Devastator ... Calls himself the "Tex-Mex T-Rex" ... His signature maneuver is the hot bomb, a version of the awesome bomb ... He and Casey Geyer comprise The Double Iron Sheiks in All-Japan ... Faced Masato Tanaka and Hosaka at an All-Japan pay-per-view ... Defeated former NWA World champion Terry Funk in a hardcore match on January 26 ... Missed eight weeks due to a broken ankle ... Received 40 stitches in his leg and was out for 10 days ... Added two moonsault variations to his repertoire ... A former NWA National champion.

216 SYLVESTER TERKAY

(6'7", 310, 4, NL) A member of the Ultimate Army in UPW ... Feuding with Keiji Sakota and Samoa Joe ... Known as "Predator" in Japan ... An NCAA heavyweight champion in his senior year of college ... His only loss during his entire college career was to Kurt Angle ... Added the flapjack to his repertoire ... Became the very first Ultimate Pro champion in 1998.



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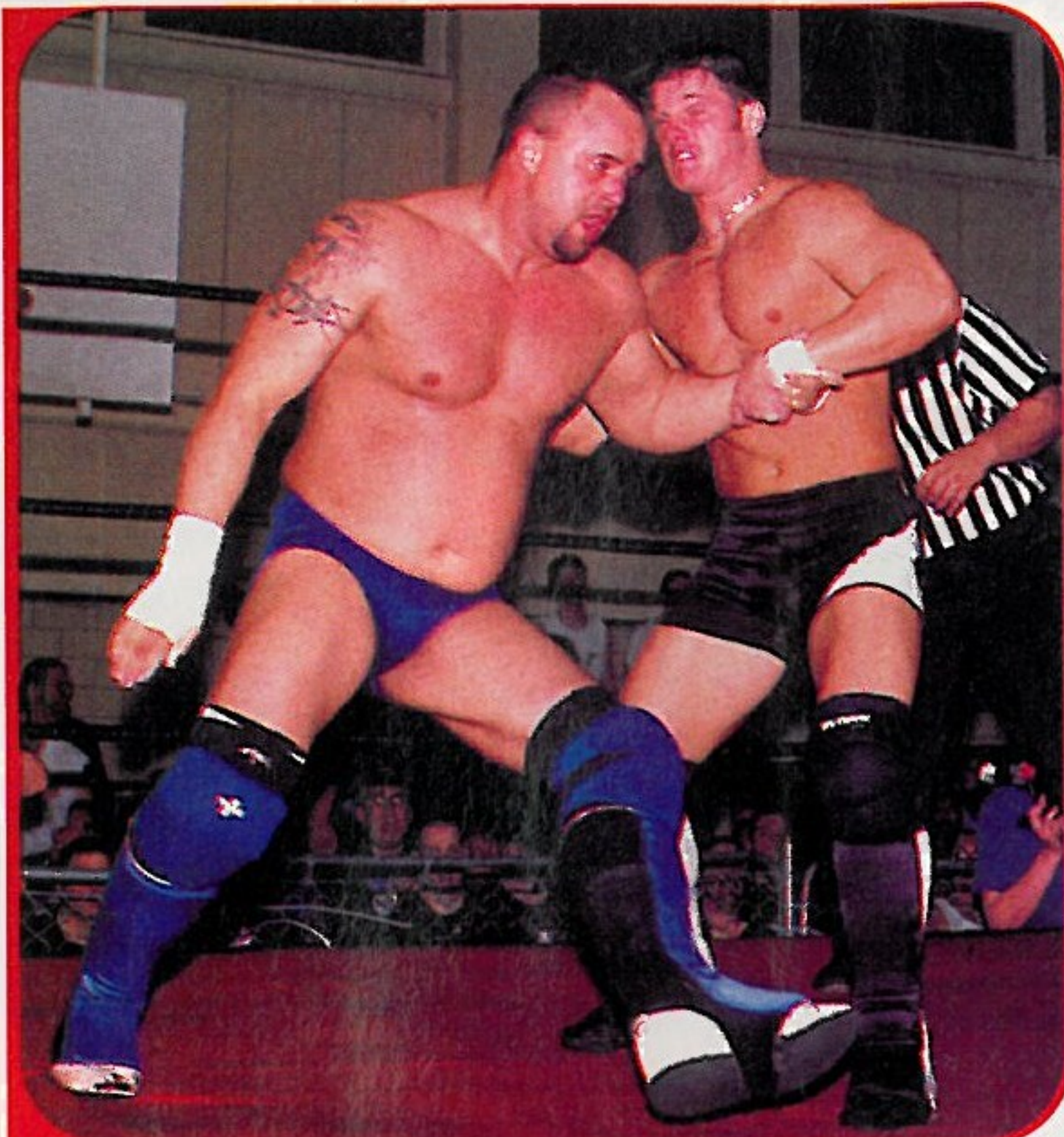
(5'6", 147, 2, 445) Defeated Bobby Rude in the opening round of the 2002 Super 8 before losing to NWA Wildside champ A.J. Styles in the semifinals ... A member of the Spanish Announce Team with the Maximo brothers and Brian XL ... Nickname "Amazing" fits him well, as he executes death-defying moves effortlessly ... Beat Qenaan Creed for the Maryland Championship Wrestling cruiserweight title ... Submitted to Reckless Youth's Irish cloverleaf in the final of MCW's Shamrock Cup ... Competes throughout the Northeast and in NWA-TNA.

218 JASON LEE

(5'11", 219, 6, 224) Teams with his "cousin" Derrick King as The Suicide Blondes ... The pair have won the OWW Southern title several times and are an extremely talented, albeit small, team ... Introduced his "sister," WWE's Sharmell Sullivan (formerly known as Paisley) in an announcement that surprised both the fans and King ... Formerly managed by veteran Rip Rogers ... A graduate of the OWW Training Center, Lee is one of the most obnoxious wrestlers in the Ohio Valley.

219 SEVEN

(6'5", 285, 2, NL) If Leviathan is now a deacon, what does that make Seven? A Eucharistic minister? ... Scary-looking heel was introduced by manager Synn as a replacement for Leviathan (Batista) ... Scored an upset win over Leviathan in Leviathan's final OWW match ... Still ended up eating a demon bomb after the match ... Much of Seven's background is clouded in mystery, but his incredible power is obvious ... One thing is known: He had previously wrestled in Memphis Championship Wrestling when it was a developmental territory ... He and Synn have hinted they are romantically involved, but no one dares to ask the nature of that relationship.



220 DAVID YOUNG (6'1", 246, 13, 278) Known as the "Messiah Of The Spinebuster" ... Split with his longtime partner Rick Michaels ... Won the NWA Wildside title in a thrilling three-way match also involving Rick Michaels and defending champ A.J. Styles ... Included in *Wrestle America Annual's* "Indy 30" as one of the industry's rising independent stars.

221 CHET JABLONSKI (6', 230, 2, NL) "The Jet" mainly teams with his brother Dean and they are collectively known as The A-Squad ... Teamed with Derick Neikirk while Dean rehabbed an elbow injury ... Held the HWA tag team title once with Dean ... Originally from Buffalo, New York ... Was a two-sport star in high school ... Considers himself a tag team specialist ... Has a cocky attitude, but can back it up in the ring.

222 JET JAGUAR (5'8", 175, 5, 210) Feuding with Rod Steel ... Competes primarily in Florida's IPW, but has traveled to Delaware's ECWA ... Involved in a tremendous three-way match also involving Billy Bax and The Amazing Red while there ... Called the "King Of Filth" and "The Madman" ... Uses the clawhold ... Trained by Dean Malenko ... A member of Ron Niemi's 911 Inc., which includes The Shane Twins and Mike Sullivan.

223 PAYNE (6'1, 245, 3, NL) Held the OVW Southern tag title with Flash, but the two had a falling-out ... Payne beat Flash in a "winner keeps the titles" match and

stunned the fans by choosing Damien has the new co-holder of the belts ... Serves as the mouthpiece for the Disciples of Synn ... Strongly resembles Headbanger Thrasher both in appearance and style ... Payne and Damien had a memorable feud against Brock Lesnar and Shelton Benjamin, "The Minnesota Stretching Crew" ... Suffered a serious injury on May 11 when Leviathan (Bautista) attacked Synn ... Is expected to be out of action for several months, if not longer.

224 GAMMA (5'9", 203, 3, NL) Muscular high-flyer is the most hated *rudo* in Osaka Pro ... Liberal interference on the part of his valet, Francoise, has caused the duo to draw the ire of the typically reserved Japanese fans ...

Came back from a shoulder injury

this year in better shape than ever before ... Sometimes aligns himself with Infinity, the duo of Tsubasa and Black Buffalo ... Long-running feuds with Super Delfin and Super Demekin continue ... Has a fantastic power-slam in his repertoire.

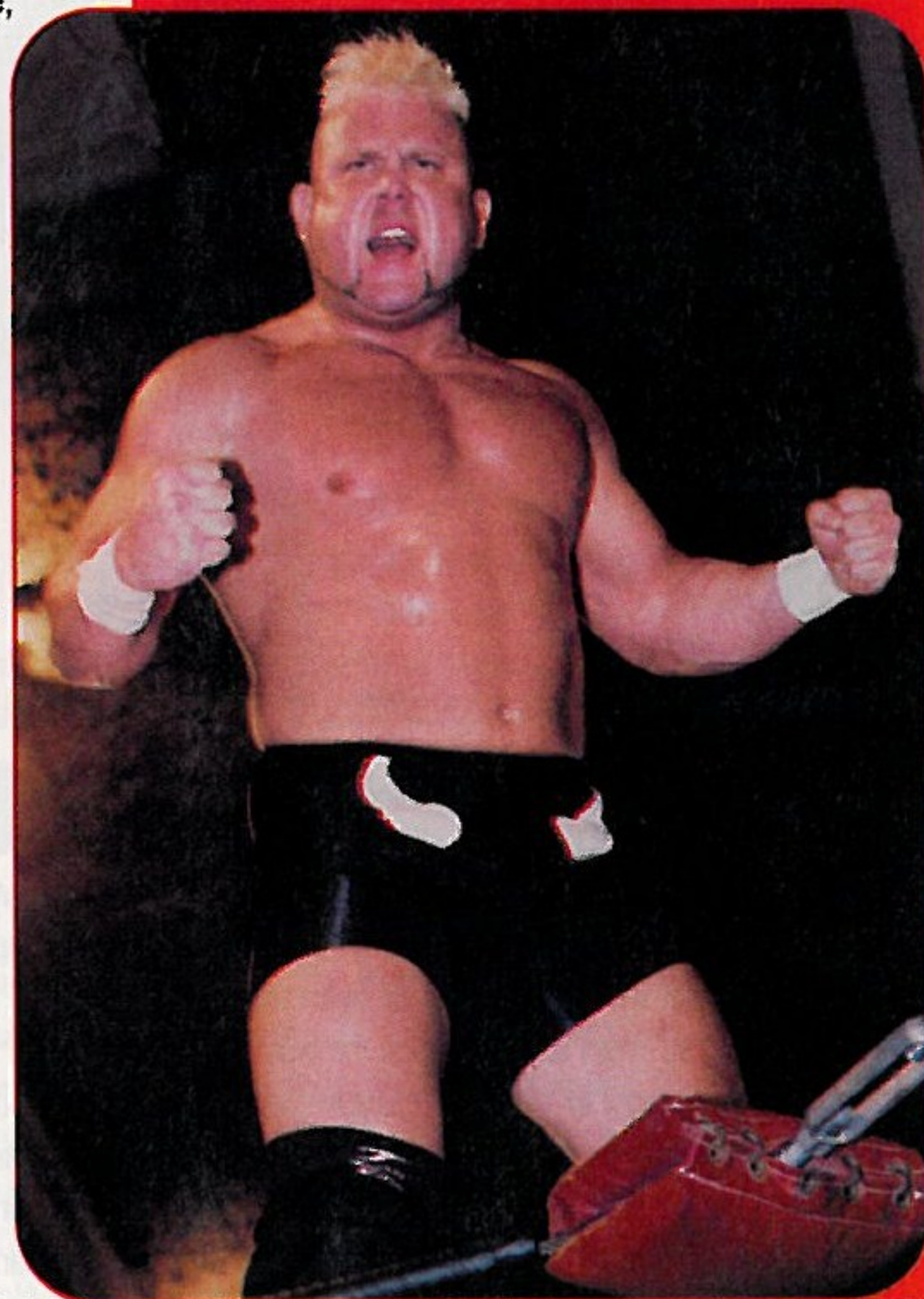
225 TONY JONES (6'4", 271, 5, 245) Wrestles throughout California, most notably for Pro Wrestling Iron ... Nicknamed "The Shooter" ... Competed as an amateur wrestler for San Francisco State University and has fought for Japan's BattlArts ... His German automatic, consisting of three consecutive German suplexes, is devastating ... Appeared in the documentary *Beyond The Mat*.

226 NEW JACK (6', 225, 10, 173) Shocked old ECW rival Vic Grimes with a stun gun and threw him off a 40-foot scaffold to end their feud ... A mainstay in Xtreme Pro Wrestling since January 2001 ... Almost became TV champ in October, but interference from The Enterprise helped Kaos retain his title ... A member of The Original Gangstas in ECW and Smoky Mountain.

227 DEAN JABLONSKI (6'2", 265, 2, NL) "The Dream" won a battle royal in his debut match in 2000 ... Has wrestled for several promotions including HWA, USCW, FNW, PWX, NWA, HCW ... Uses the dream weaver wheel barrel suplex as his finisher ... Held the

HWA tag titles with brother Chet ... Spent three months on the sidelines with an elbow injury ... The power member of the A-Squad ... Lost some inspiration when A-Squad cheerleader Pepper Parks retired from active competition.

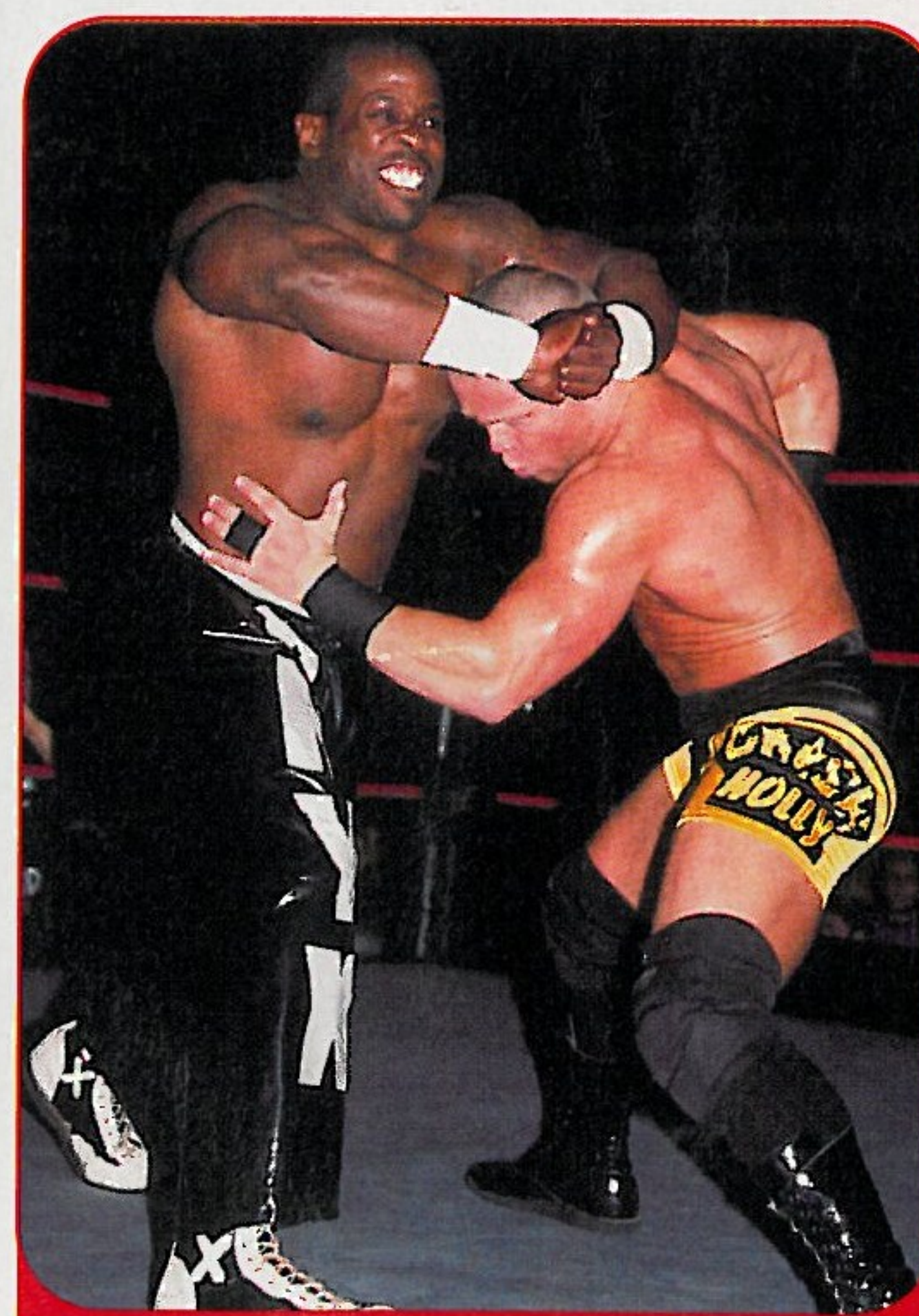
228 BISON SMITH (6'4", 283, 4, NL) Competes for Japan's Pro Wrestling NOAH and California's Pro Wrestling Iron ... Following Vader's career path, with both starting out as center for the University of Colorado Buffalos before breaking into pro wrestling (Bison was number 62, Vader was 63) ... Ironically, his biggest match to date was against Vader in front of a sellout crowd at Tokyo's Ariake Coliseum in February ... Maxx Justice had to use three consecutive choke-slams to defeat Smith on May 31 ... Has also competed in Ultimate Pro Wrestling.



229 GRAN APACHE (5'7", 195, 26, NL) Veteran *rudo* of AAA can still run circles around many Luchadors half his age ... Appears overseas with Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon group from time to time ... Small, stocky, remarkably agile competitor reminds many fans of Silver King ... Famed for his right hook, which often comes out of nowhere ... A submission expert who is at home on the mat ... Teams with AAA mid-carders like Mr. Condor and Angel Mortal ... Father of the many Apache sisters that wrestle throughout Mexico and Japan ... Favors the Splash Mountain power bomb variation.

230 SAMOA JOE (6'3", 290, 2, 314) Holds the record for the longest Ultimate Pro title reign ... Turned back challengers such as Tommy Dreamer and Sean O'Haire ... Lost the belt to Mikey Henderson at UPW's "Home Of The Brave" in November ... Tours Japan on occasion for Zero-One ... The "rookie monster" actually has two years of experience behind him ... Agile for a big man.

231 MASA AKI MOCHIZUKI (5'10", 211, 9, NL) Leader of M2K is perhaps the most hated man in all of the Toryumon ... Always at war with Tokyo Magnum, as well as with the Crazy MAX stable ... Had his head shaved after a losing effort against Shiima Nobunaga earlier this year ... Spent years on the Japanese independent scene before finally finding his niche with Ultimo Dragon's trainees ... Known for vicious strikes, in particular his hard, swift kicks to the chest and head ... Teams regularly with Darkness Dragon,



Genki Horiguchi, and Susumu Yokosuka ... Signature move is his triangle kick, executed by running up the turnbuckles and twisting out to deliver an enzuigiri to a standing opponent.

232 TONY MAMALUKE (5'9", 187, 5, NL) One of the most hated wrestlers in NWA Wildside ... Beat Jimmy Rave in an "I quit" match in early-2002 ... Participated in

the six-way cruiserweight challenge at World Wrestling All-Stars first live pay-per-view in America ... Calls himself the "Italian Monster" ... Held the ECW World tag team title with Little Guido Maritato at one time ... Known as manager Tony Marinara while in WCW ... Also competes regularly in Ring of Honor.

233 RYO SAITO (5'7", 188, 4, NL) Former NWA welterweight champion has had a rough year in both the Toryumon and its sister group, the T2P ... Off-and-on partnership with Genki Horiguchi ended when Genki betrayed Ryo to join Masaaki Mochizuki's M2K group ... Often rides his bicycle to the ring, and keeps his riding helmet and gloves at ringside ... Known for his bright orange singlet ... Rocky partnership with Don Fuji of Crazy MAX has provided some tense moments for the smallish Saito ... Still feuding with Milano Collection AT ... Loads his arsenal with a variety of fisherman suplex holds ... Pet submission hold is called the cycling yahoo!

234 BULL SCHMITT (6'7", 273, 4, 363) Recently suffered a knee injury ... Competes primarily in Missouri's World League Wrestling, with occasional tours of Pro Wrestling NOAH ... Has wrestled Mitsuharu Misawa and Jun Akiyama in Japan ... Teamed with Bison Smith and Vader while there as well ... The current Global Pro Wrestling champion ... Has held the WLW tag team title with Trevor Rhodes ... A former Oklahoma Pro Wrestling standout.

235 ONYX (5'9", 217, 3, 258) Feuded with Jeff G. Bailey's NWA Elite for most of 2001 ... His dancing and chiseled physique have made him very popular in NWA Wildside ... Defeated Adam Jacobs for the Wildside TV title in October ... Forced to give a urine sample, which tested negative, after Bailey accused him of taking steroids ... Threw the sample in Bailey's face ... Wrestled Cru Jones in a series of matches in early-2002 ... Wrestled Albert on *Jakked*.

236 PRINCE JUSTICE (6'6", 370, 7, NL) One of the most agile big men in the business ... Ended Stone Mountain's yearlong reign as NWA Wildside champ ... Lost the Wildside title to Scottie Wrenn last September ... Recruited by Jeff G. Bailey to destroy A.J. Styles ... Wants a shot at current Wildside champion David Young ... His finishing maneuver is the death penalty, a chokeslam/power bomb combo

... Was a participant in the NWA-TNA gauntlet match for the NWA title.

237 TOM BRANDI (6'3", 255, 17, 236) Competes almost exclusively in the Northeast ... The current International Pro champion ... Defending against challengers such as King Kong Bundy, Crowbar (Devon Storm), and Corporal Punishment ... Has the obnoxious habit of blowing a shrill whistle into the ring microphone before his matches ... Has wrestled as Salvatore Sincere and Johnny Gunn in the WWF and WCW, respectively ... Sable would probably still find him attractive.



238 BEAU JAMES (5'10", 285, 12, 244) Claims to be "The King Of Kingsport, Tennessee" ... Defeated Ricky Harrison for the Southern States title on Christmas night ... Cousin K.C. Thunder and brother-in-law Steve Flynn turned against James and joined "The Duke Of New York," Al Getz ... Broke Thunder's arm in a tag team match at the Mark Curtis Memorial Show ... Competed 162 times during the past year.

239 B.J. WHITMER (6'2", 215, 3, 458) The current HWA cruiserweight champion ... Feuding with Matt Stryker for that belt ... Also competes throughout the Mid West as well as Japan ... This high-flyer has adopted the more grounded cradle driver has his finisher ... Quite popular with the fans ... Has beaten some of the best cruiserweights in the country ... Easily the most improved wrestler in the HWA.



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240 SHANNON BALLARD

(5'9", 215, 4, 298) He and his twin brother, Shane, won the IZW, MSPW, CZW, and All Pro tag team titles this year ... Their valet is Cheerleader Melissa ... Has heated rivalries on the East Coast with The Backseat Boys and The Spanish Announce Team ... The Ballard Brothers modeled themselves after characters in the classic 1977 movie, *Slap Shot* ... Hails from Vancouver, British Columbia.

241 MIKE ROTUNDO

(6'2", 233, 21, 116) Former WWF tag team champion (as Rotundo and as Irwin R. Schyster) is a regular in the All-Japan Pro Wrestling tag team division ... Famed partner of men like Ted DiBiase, Barry Windham, and now Steve Williams ... Gifted grappler has a strong amateur background predating his days at Syracuse University ... Veteran has appeared with WCW, New Japan, and a host of other promotions throughout his career ... Quite a bit slower now than he was during his prime, but his calculated style is well-suited to All-Japan matches ... Has used the flying clothesline as his primary finisher for years.

242 CHRIS MICHAELS

(5'9", 223, 13, 375) Former NWA New York State and NWA junior heavyweight champion ... Long Island native idolized Bobby Eaton and Rick Steamboat as he grew up ... Michaels is a two-time USWA tag team champion and current OVW light heavyweight champion ... Won the OVW light heavyweight title in his first match in the promotion, but became bitter over the lack of competition for the title ... Has formed an effective team with Sean Casey ... Combines strong technical skills with decent aerial moves ... Hungry for new challenges.



serious change of attitude this year ... Turned against former partner Ryo Saito, eventually taking his NWA welterweight title as well ... One of Ultimo Dragon's most impressive proteges ... Has also wrestled in Mexico, but is at home in Japan ... Still brings his surfboard to the ring now and again ... High-flying poise is reminiscent of that of Jeff Hardy ... Now teams with Masaaki Mochizuki and the M2K group against Crazy MAX and Tokyo Magnum's stable ... Displays his superior balance when executing his double-jump moonsault press finisher.

246 BOYCE GRANDE

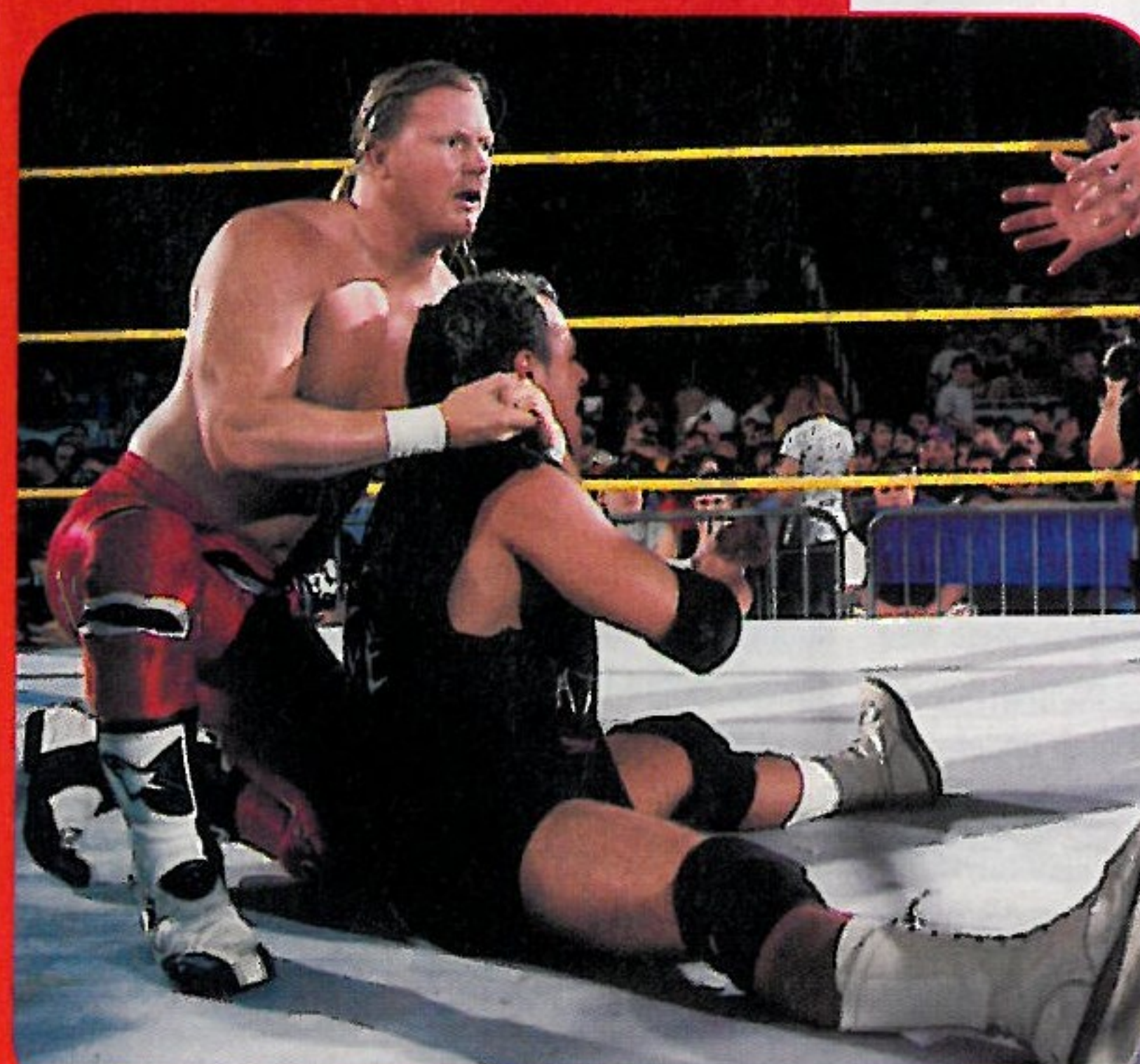
(6'2", 222, 4, 228) A high-flyer with good mat skills ... He and Westside Playaz partner Robert Thompson vacated the All Pro tag team title to go their separate ways ... Feuded with Vinny Massaro and Christopher Daniels in the past ... His finishing move is the swanton bomb ... Has been compared to The Hardy Boyz ... Nicknamed "Bad Boy."

243 SHANE BALLARD

(5'9", 205, 4, 296) Captured an amazing array of tag team titles with his twin brother, Shannon, including the IZW, MSPW, and All Pro tag championships ... Defeated Frankie Kazarian and Nova for their seventh Ultimate Pro tag team title ... Won and lost the Combat Zone Wrestling tag team belts on the same night ... The Backseat Boys and The Spanish Announce Team are among their rivals ... Made further inroads into East Coast promotions this year ... Their valet is Cheerleader Melissa.

244 TONY B

(5'10", 215, 2, NL) The "Ice Cream Man" is popular with the fans, mainly because he tosses ice cream bars to the ringside fans as he makes his way to the ring ... Of course fans are going to cheer free food ... Solid all-around wrestler with a good look ... Needs a little more seasoning, but could be a force with some more experience ... Recently won the Heartland Wrestling Association tag team title with partner Cody Hawk ... Feuding with the A Squad over the tag straps.



245 GENKI HORIGUCHI

(5'7", 181, 4, NL) Fun-loving surfer in the Toryumon had a

247 SUPREME

(5'10", 280, 7, 246) His nephew, Kaos, turned against Supreme and was part of an Enterprise plot to burn him alive ... Suffered second-degree burns on 25 percent of his body and needed three months to recover ... Beat Vic Grimes for the King of the Deathmatch title in an exploding ring match ... Kaos caused him to lose the Deathmatch title to The Sandman ... Considered the hardcore icon of California's Xtreme Pro Wrestling.

248 XAVIER

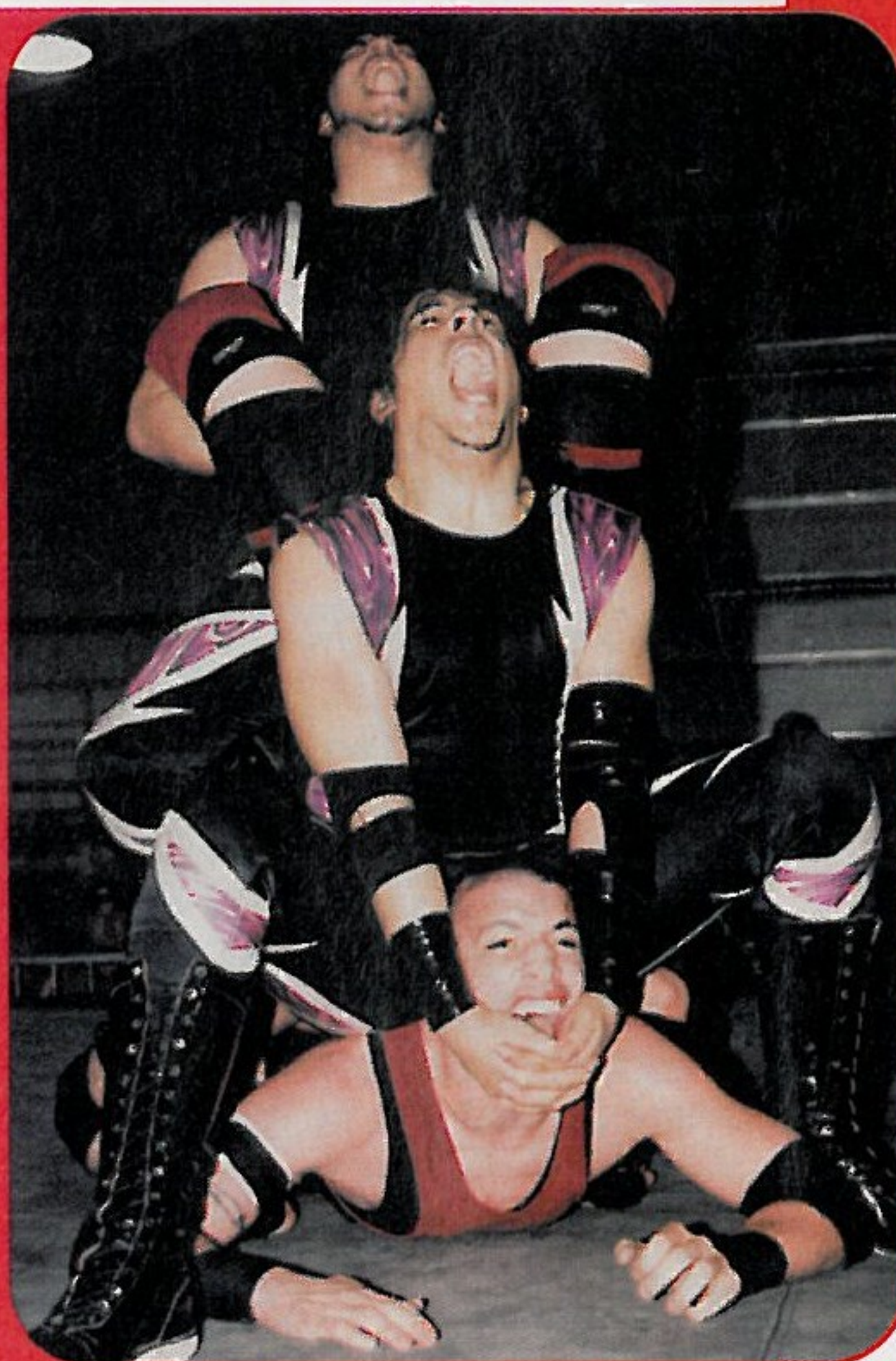
(5'9", 205, 5, 450) Lost to A.J. Styles in the opening round of the 2002 Super 8 in arguably the best match of the night ... He and Low-Ki dropped the East Coast Wrestling Association tag team title to the Maximo brothers in a four-way TLC match ... Xavier executed the most thrilling move of the match, however, with a 450 splash from the top of the 14-foot-high ECWA-Tron ... Appeared in a commercial for King of the Ring ... Competes regularly in Northeast Wrestling and other Northeast-based independents ... Participated in MCW's Shamrock Cup.

249 K.C. THUNDER

(6'1", 250, 16, 249) Co-holder of the Southern States tag team title with cousin Steve Flynn ... Turned against another cousin, Beau James, and joined "The Duke Of New York," Al Getz ... James broke his arm in a tag team match at the Mark Curtis Memorial Show ... The bulldog is his finisher ... Trained by Nelson Royal ... Owns more than 200 pairs of multi-colored tights.

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250 KAOS (6', 223, 7, 274) Remains the first and only Xtreme Pro Wrestling TV champion since defeating Konnan in a tournament final in August 2001 ... Sold his soul to Veronica Caine's Enterprise ... Behind the plot that led to his uncle, Supreme, catching fire in one of the worst scenes in wrestling history ... Calls himself the "Rock Superstar" ... Feuding with Chris Hamrick ... Also competes in SPW ... The falling star is his finisher.



251 JOEL MAXIMO (5'9", 200, 2, 456) A member of the Spanish Announce Team (S.A.T.) with his brother, Jose, Red, and Brian XL ... Trained by former ECW champion Mikey Whipwreck ... He and Jose captured the East Coast Wrestling Association tag team title in a four-way TLC match also involving Low-Ki and Xavier, Buck Wyld and Striker, and The J-Team ... Also a top contender to the Maryland Championship Wrestling tag title with Jose ... The larger of the two Maximos ... Spotted on WWE television during The Undertaker's backstage attack on David Flair ... Appeared in a commercial for King of the Ring.

252 JIMMY RAVE (5'11", 186, 3, 307) Won the NWA Wildside junior heavyweight title in a four-way ladder

match also involving A.J. Styles, J.C. Dazz, and Jason Cross ... Run over by Dazz in the parking lot ... Defeated Dazz the following week ... Captured the NWA junior heavyweight title this summer ... Also competes regularly in IPW and USA Championship Wrestling ... His finishing maneuver is the gravity killer, a tornado DDT.

253 JOSE MAXIMO (5'9", 190, 2, 460) Co-holder of the East Coast Wrestling tag team title with his brother Jose ... They are members of the Spanish Announce Team, along with Brian XL and Red ... Also competed in Ring of Honor, the PWF, the QWA, and JAPW ... Appeared in a commercial for King of the Ring, and was seen on WWE television during The Undertaker's attack on David Flair at a WWE training facility.

254 DENNIS GREGORY

(6'1", 222, 10, 243) Still considers himself the Steel City champion, although that promotion is now defunct ... Co-holder of the CWF tag title with Crusher Hansen ... Managed by "Hotshot" Drew Lazario ... Gregory, Hansen, Lazario comprise the Golden Triangle ... Competes mostly in Pittsburgh ... Trained in Peterboro, England, while in the U.S. Air Force ... Known as the "Softcore Superstar."

255 GLEN OSBOURNE

(6'1", 265, 12, 247) This young veteran left the East Coast Wrestling Association after seven years to feud with John Zandig in Combat Zone Wrestling ... Lost a lumberjack barbed-wire strap match to Zandig ... Departed CZW and won the Lethal Wrestling Federation title and the WWWA U.S. belt ... Fought Cujo in a dog-collar match at Liberty All-Star Wrestling's "Summer Sizzler" ... Competes throughout the Northeast.

256 ROBERT THOMPSON

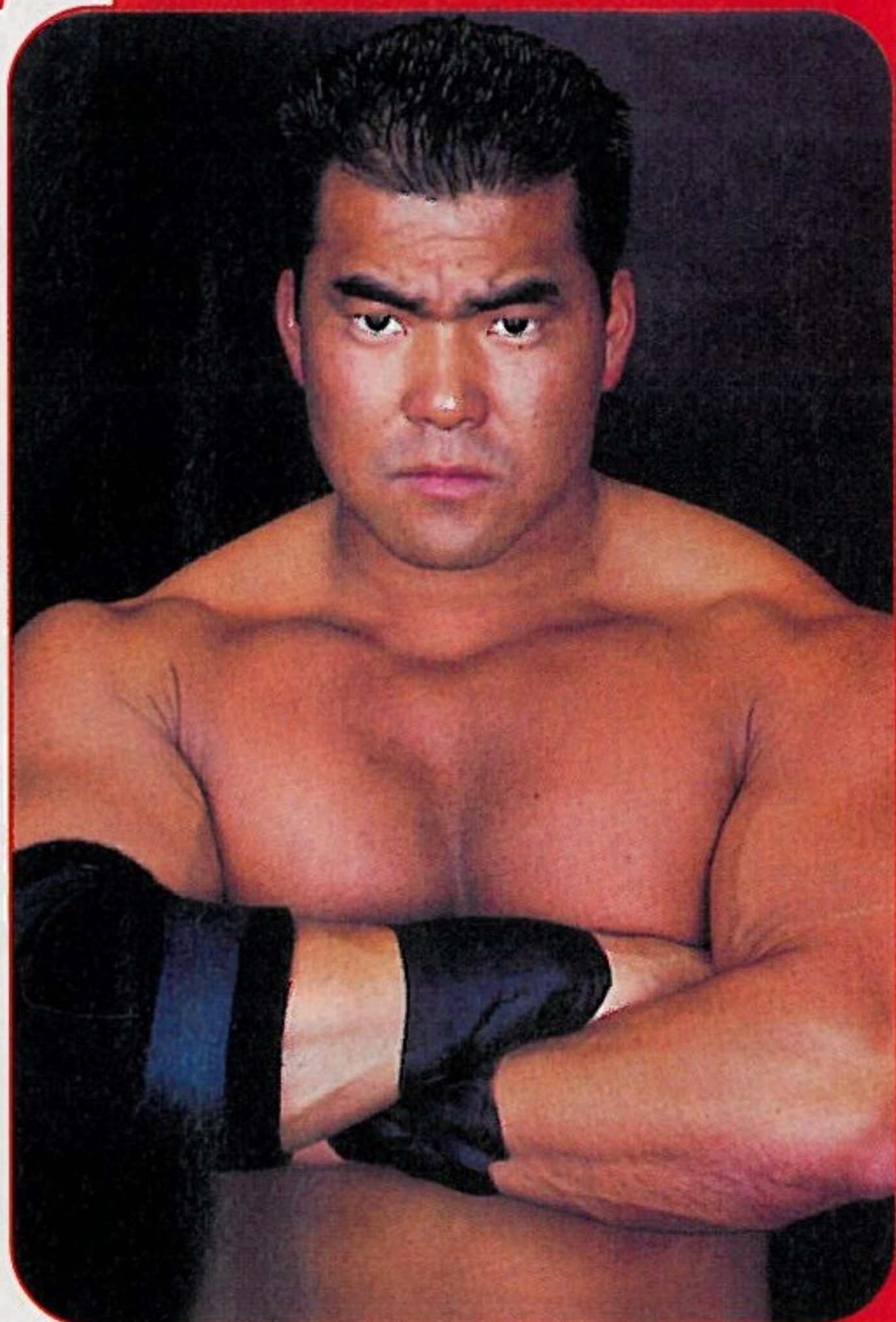
(5'11", 261, 7, 287) Considers himself to be All Pro Wrestling's "franchise player" because he has been with that promotion since its inception ... Split with Westside Playaz partner Boyce Le Grande on good terms after a 21-match undefeated streak ... They vacated the All Pro tag team title as a result ... He and American Dragon are instructors at the APW Boot Camp ... Nicknamed the "Brown Bomber" ... Hired the beautiful Nikki as his valet ... Has vowed to win a third All Pro Universal title.

257 JASON SUGARMAN

(6'2" 240, 2, NL) This promising, young star was invited to a WWE tryout camp in Cincinnati and was hired as a developmental wrestler ... Wrestled previously for Turnbuckle Championship Wrestling in Georgia ... Held the NWA tag team title with Glacier ... Briefly teamed with R.C. Haas in HWA ... Was recently released from his developmental deal in July ... Hometown is Pensacola, Florida.

258 KEIJI SAKODA

(6'1", 250, 3, 330) Returned to California's Ultimate Pro Wrestling after missing the first few months of 2002 ... This power-based wrestler utilizes the martial arts with lethal intensity ... His signature moves include the roaring elbow and the diamond dust ... Has wrestled at WWE shows ... Has also competed in Zero-One, the X Wrestling Federation, and Urban Wrestling.



259 JUSTICE PAIN

(5'10", 225, 3, NL) The current Combat Zone heavyweight and ironman champion ... Has successfully defended the CZW heavyweight belt against Adam Flash, the Briscoe brothers, Jun Kasai, Nick Gage, W. Beater, Nick Mondo, The Messiah, Zandig, Billy Fives, and Trent Acid ... In the midst of his fourth heavyweight title reign after defeating Zandig on June 15 in Ireland ... Regarded as the promotion's franchise player ... His finisher is the Pain thriller.

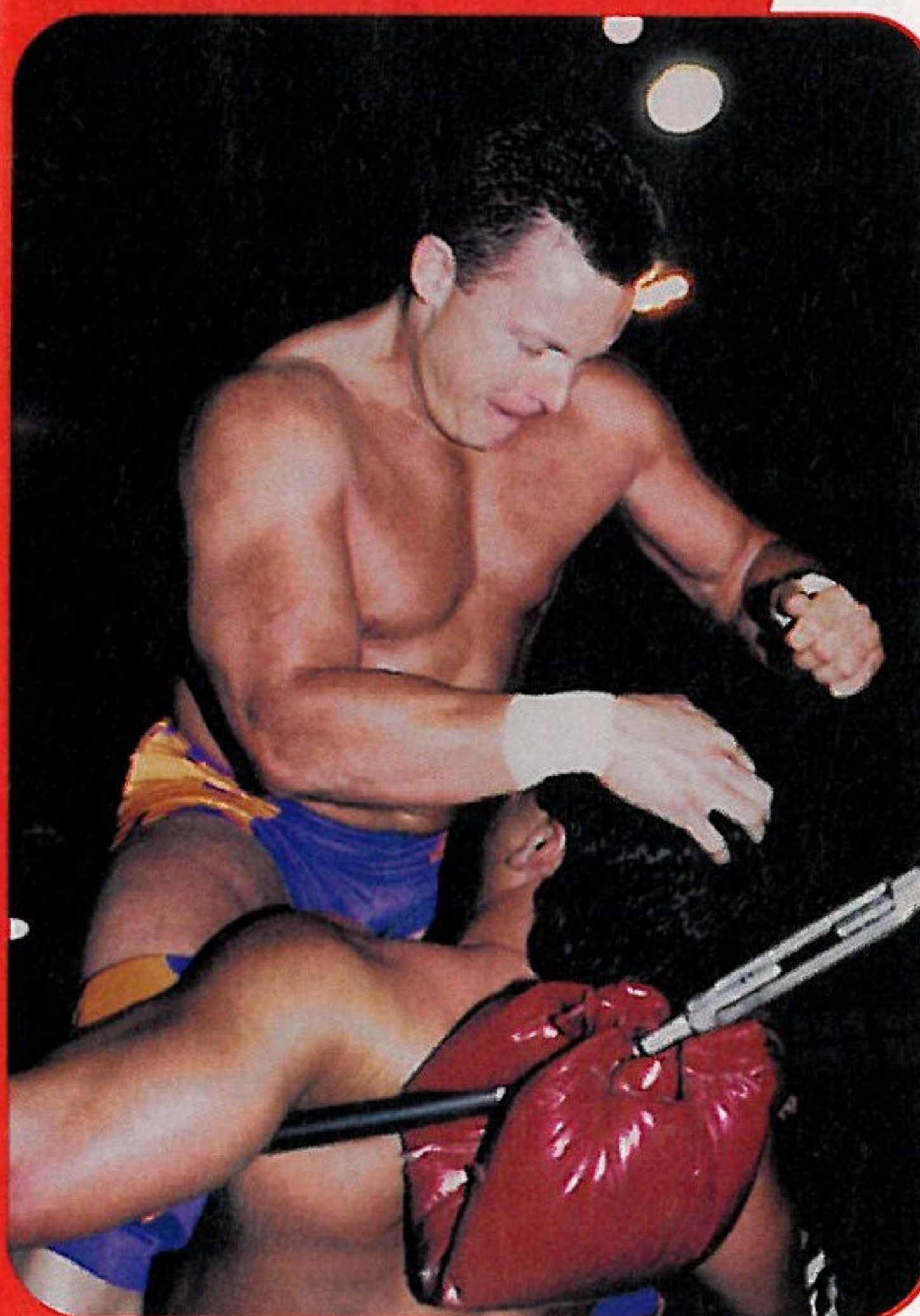
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260 MIKEY HENDERSON

(5'9", 200, 10, 291) Has competed in Ultimate Pro Wrestling since 1999 ... Defeated Samoa Joe for the UPW title in November ... Dropped the strap to Christopher Daniels ... Wrestled Rob Van Dam and Juventud Guerrera ... The first UPW International champion ... Defends the belt in Japan on a regular basis ... Nicknamed "The Miracle."

261 MIKE SULLIVAN

(6'1", 220, 7, 266) Defeated Billy Fives for his fourth IPW title ... Lost the belt to Agent Steele ... Competed at the X Wrestling Federation's television tapings in Orlando ... Defeated Christopher Daniels, Tony Mamaluke, and Scoot Andrews in a four-way match at IPW's "Rage In The Cage" ... The top contender to Danny Doring's NWA Florida State title ... Accompanied by the beautiful XTC and the not-so-beautiful Ron Niemi ... His finisher is a slingshot facebuster.



262 JEREMY LOPEZ

(5'7", 183, 5, 280) Sometimes teams with Tony Mamaluke ... Defeated Jimmy Rave for the NWA Wildside junior heavyweight title in November and reigned for six months ... Fans mockingly call him "Jer-Lo" ... Trained by Dean Malenko ... Appeared on WCW Saturday Night a couple of years ago ... A native of Tampa, Florida.

263 VINNY MASARO

(5'9", 270, 4, 251) Competes in California's Pro Wrestling Iron and Xtreme Pro Wrestling ... Called "The Innovator" because of his improvisational maneuvers ... Teamed with Vic Grimes ... A native of Italy ... Has also wrestled for Midwest Championship Wrestling ... A former All Pro Internet champ ... Once defeated Nova, still considered his biggest win ever.

264 GILLBERG

(6', 227, 12, 180) Reduced his schedule this year ... Sometimes serves as a special referee ... Based in Maryland Championship Wrestling ... Teamed with Steve Wilkos, the security chief on *The Jerry Springer Show*, to defeat Chad Bowman and Dino Divine ... Always takes time to sign autographs ... A former WWF light heavyweight champion.

265 FRANK PARKER

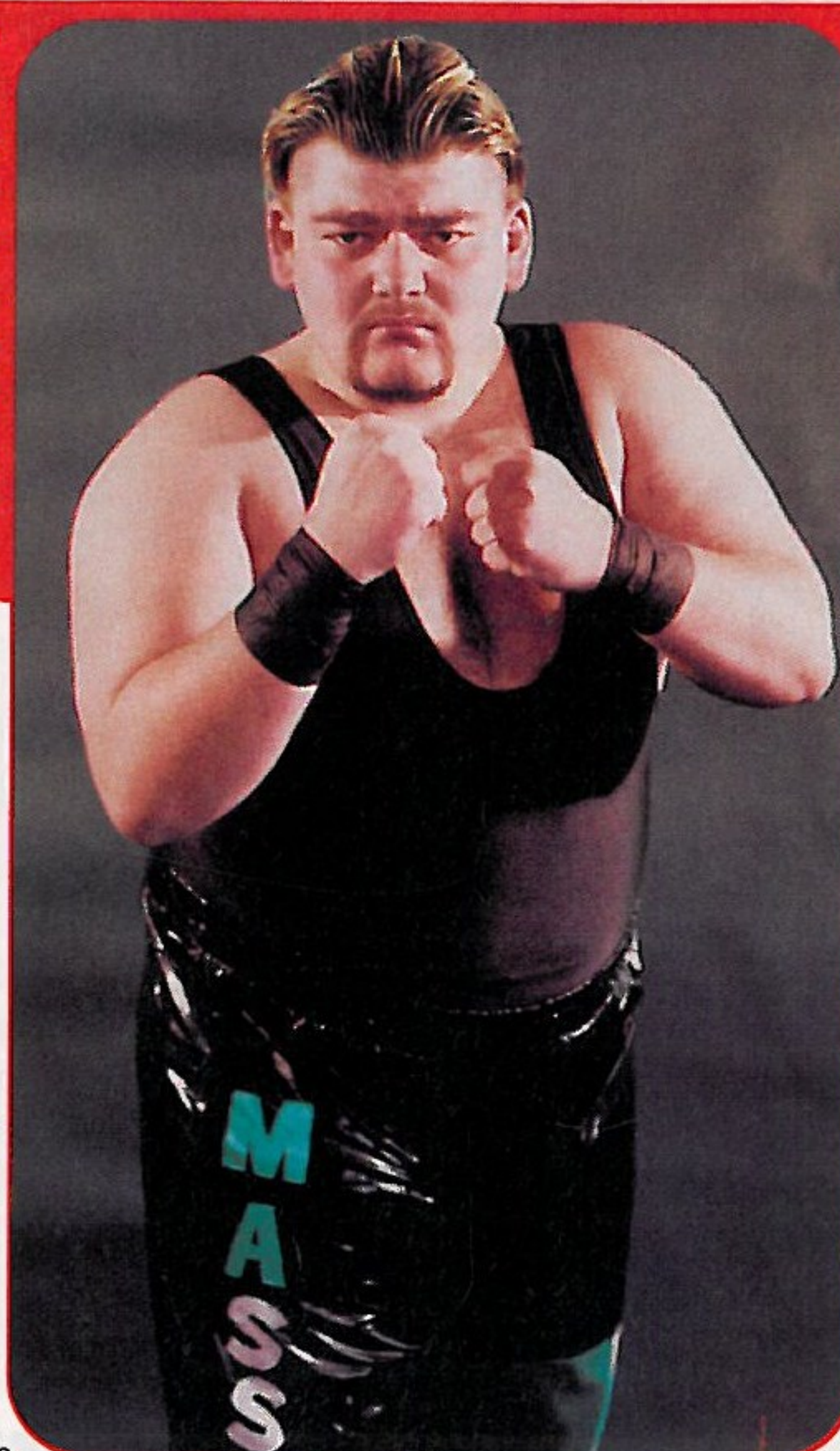
(6'3", 275, 9, 260) Wrestled as a singles competitor most of the year, without Death and Destruction partner Roger Anderson ... Stripped of the Appalachia Pro title after attacking a fan ... His finishing move is the face lift, a fireman's carry into a stunner ... Suffered a serious knee injury at the end of 2001, but continued to wrestle ... Lost to 500-pound Rolling Thunder at this year's Tojo Yamamoto Memorial Show.

266 JOHNNY SPADE

(6'1", 215, 4, NL) OWW Training Center graduate is one of the top cruiserweights in OWW ... Spade was the first member of Doug Basham's Revolution ... Think of him as the X-Pac to Basham's Kevin Nash ... Was suspended by matchmaker Jim Comette for jumping "Mr. Wrestling" Nick Dinsmore at a nightclub in late-2001, but Basham's devious legal team found a loophole allowing Spade to return ... Boasts an impressive senton bomb finisher. Unfortunately for him, he doesn't get to use it very often ... Has proven to be a formidable tag team wrestler but has had difficulty against heavyweights in singles competition.

267 SCOTTIE WRENN

(6'4", 275, 5, 310) Held the NWA Wildside title briefly last fall ... Lost the belt to Rick Michaels ... Can absorb a sickening amount of punishment ... Called the "Ticking Time Bomb" ... The



psycho slam is his finisher ... Best known for falling off the top of a steel cage in March 2000 ... Wants a shot at Wildside champion David Young.

268 WEBB

(5'10", 223, 7, NL) Formerly known as "White Trash" Johnny Webb before getting serious ... Originally claimed to be from "Any Damn Trailer Park" and now says he's from Graceland ... Impersonated Rob Black, as part of the XPW's owners' devious scheme, to capture that promotion's heavyweight title in a three-way match also involving Sabu and Lazie ... Has attempted to fill the void left by The Messiah ... His signature move is the welfare check ... His trick knee blew out during his "Halloween In Hell" three-way against The Sandman and Vampiro, and he missed three weeks of action.

269 ADAM FIRESTORM

(5'10", 180, 6, 276) Competes in the Pacific Northwest ... Scored only a disqualification win over ECCW champion The Black Dragon during their series of matches ... Faced Christopher Daniels in the ECCW Pacific Cup junior heavyweight title tournament ... Delivered a diving headbutt from the top of a steel cage to defeat a bloody Juggernaut ... His finishing maneuvers are the adamant denial (a tornado uranage) and the Takapuna sunrise (a double-armbar submission hold) ... Renewed his long rivalry with former partner Strife in All-Star Wrestling.

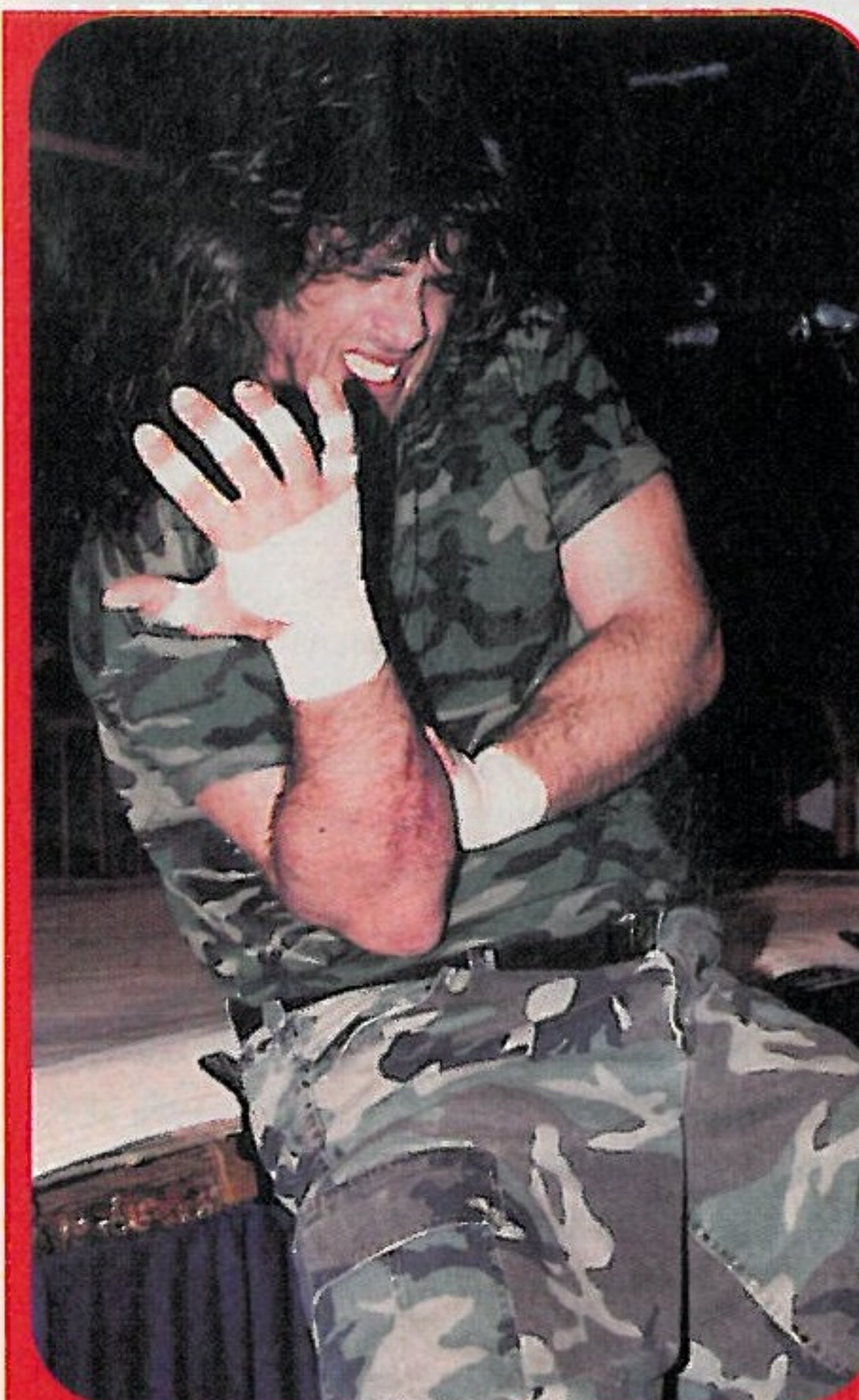
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270 POGO THE CLOWN

(6'4", 420, 2, 294) Kidnapped Kraq's young boyfriend, Angel ... Fans love him despite the fact he portrays serial killer John Wayne Gacy ... His finisher is called "buried in the basement" ... Attacked by Dynamite D and The So-Cal Jobber's Union, a group of anti-XPW wrestlers ... Teamed with announcer Rivera to drive the Union out of the promotion ... Now Pogo and Rivera, now known as Juantastico, are pursuing the XPW tag team title ... Interference from The Enterprise prevented him from beating Kaos for the TV belt.

271 LAZZ

(5'11", 205, 3, 346) Stalked Adam Jacobs as a "secret admirer" masquerading as Britney Spears ... Lost to Jacobs in a loser-leaves-town match, which banished the Lazz character ... Wrestling under the name "Dustin" as of press time ... Taken seriously for his wrestling skills now that he has abandoned all of his dancing and homoerotic mind games.



272 JOHN RAMBO

(6'4", 267, 13, 288) Became more of a hardcore specialist during the past year ... Recaptured the National Wrestling League title ... The veteran is still adding high-risk moves to his repertoire, including a splash off the top rope to the arena floor ... Often teams with Headshrinker Samu ... His biggest victory of 2001-2002 was over King Kong Bundy ... Competes primarily in Maryland and West Virginia.

273 BIG BAD JOHN

(6'7", 320, 1, NL) Massive rookie has proven to be a force in OVW, especially when teaming with Bull Buchanan ... Played in the NFL with the New Orleans Saints, Washington Redskins, and Atlanta Falcons, as well as in the CFL, the Arena League, and NFL Europe ... Claims to have been kicked out of every league for unsportsmanlike conduct ... A black belt in shotokan karate ... Faithfully served in The Machine's Revolution, only to be snubbed when Machine selected new recruit Damaja to be his partner ... Has an unusual mix of raw power, balance, and aggression.

274 OTTO SCHWANZ

(6'4", 257, 5, 250) In the midst of his fourth reign as Southern Championship Wrestling titleholder ... Steamrolled C.W. Anderson for the North Carolina State title this year ... Managed by Count Grog ... Teams with The Russian Assassin ... His swinging Schwanz has injured many opponents ... Known as Bo Dupp during his past stints in the WWF and ECW and is currently reviving it in NWA-TNA, along with Stan and Fluff Dupp.

275 KING KONG BUNDY

(6'4", 446, 21, 265) Recent stops on the independent circuit include IPW, Northeast Wrestling, MCW, and the NWL ... Tom Brandi used underhanded tactics to beat him for the International Pro Wrestling title ... Alternates between being a fan favorite and a heel, depending on his mood ... Has made a strong recovery since undergoing serious back surgery in March ... Wrestled WWF champ Hulk Hogan at WrestleMania II.

276 MATT MURPHY

(5'11", 217, 2, 324) Competes primarily for World League Wrestling, with occasional tours of Pro Wrestling NOAH ... Has teamed and feuded with Juventud Guerrera in Japan ... A two-time WLW tag team champion with Superstar Steve ... Holds the Arkansas State title and the ASW light heavyweight belt ... Confronted WLW Chairman Harley Race in the ring several times this year ... Has appeared on *Jakked* and *Heat* ... Inventor of the tail-wing suplex submission.

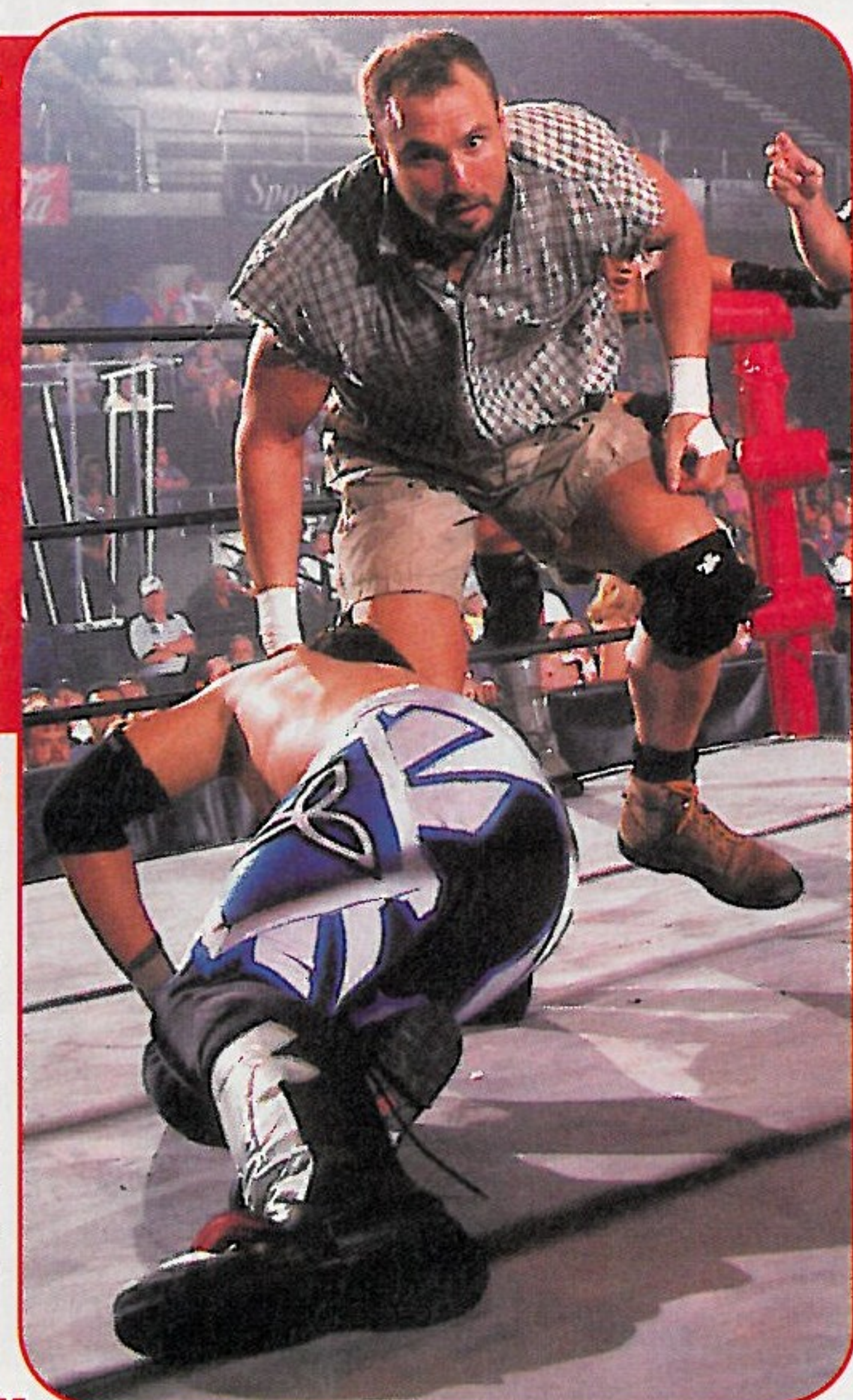
277 CRU JONES

(6', 235, 2, NL) One of the most egotistical men in NWA Wildside ... Often touts his dubious football background ... Feuded with Onyx, a real pro football player at one time, over the Wildside TV title in early 2002 ... Currently the TV champ ... Defending

against Caprice Coleman ... Calls himself "The All-Star" ... Accompanied by his head cheerleader, Destiny.

278 CHRIS HAMRICK

(5'11", 210, 17, NL) Immediately pursued by XPW's Enterprise after ECW's demise ... G.Q. Money instructed Hamrick to leave a battle royal to determine the top contender to the XPW title, and allow Steve Rizzono to get the shot, but Hamrick refused ... This sparked a feud with Enterprise member and TV champion Kaos ...



Defeated Psicosis to become top contender to that championship ... Injured his tailbone taking a front flip off the ring apron and spent four weeks on the sidelines ... His signature maneuvers are the Confederate currency and the Tennessee drop ... This journeyman is also very active in East Coast independents.

279 CAPRICE COLEMAN

(5'11", 205, 2, 317) Feuded with Jimmy Rave over the NWA Wildside junior heavyweight title in 2001 ... Thrilled fans by sucker-punching Jeff G. Bailey during Iceberg's \$500 bodyslam challenge ... Had an intense bouts against Jason Cross, including a taped fist match and a falls-count-anywhere match ... Nicknamed "Ice" because he's just that cold.

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280 REDD DOGG

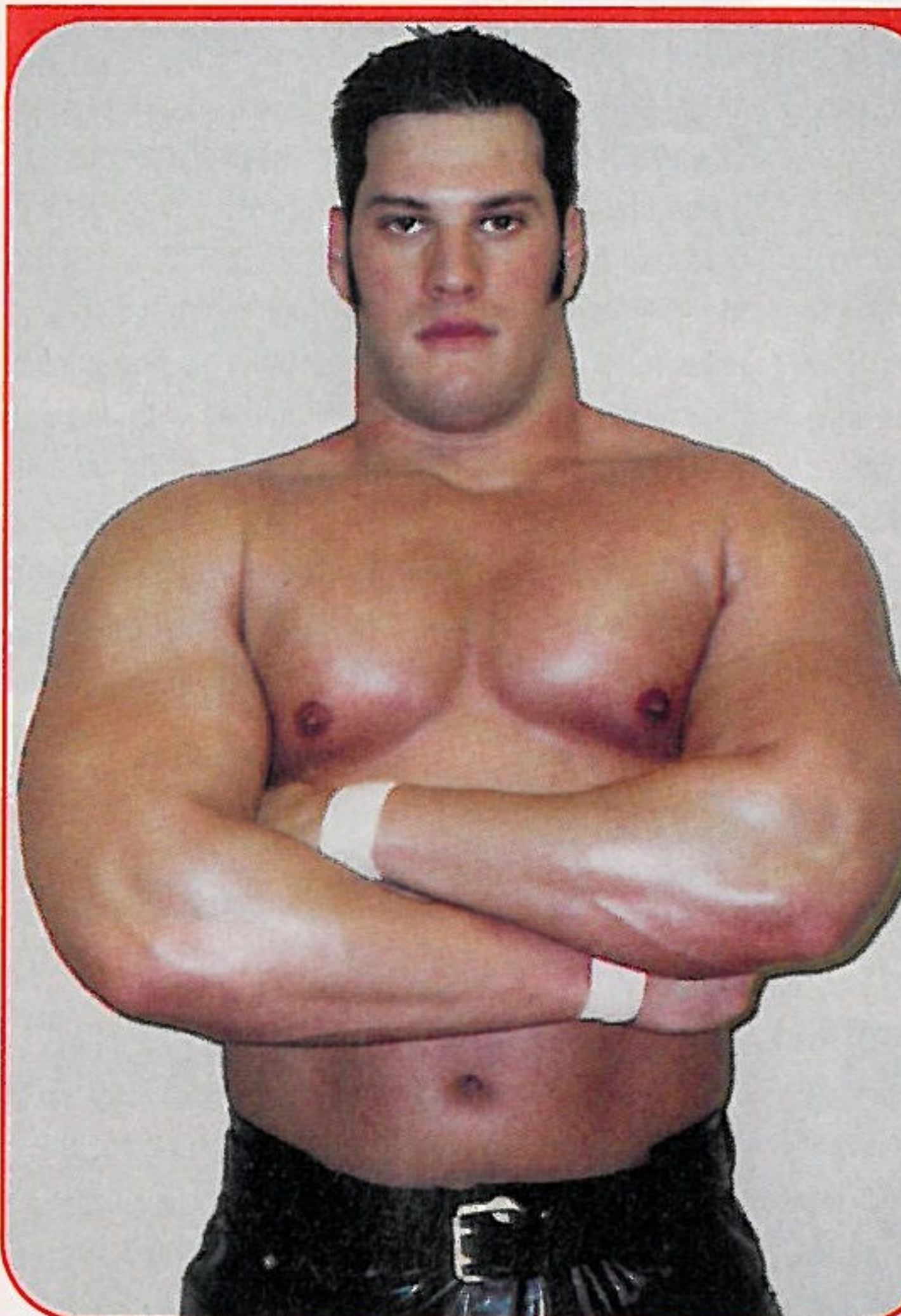
(6'2", 240, 4, NL) Was trained by Junkyard Dog, and JYD's influence is obvious. Red Dogg uses the thump powerslam and headbutt as tributes to his mentor ... Played nose guard for the University of Arkansas at Monticello ... Formed a successful team with Shelton Benjamin in Ohio Valley Wrestling. Benjamin and Dogg were briefly managed by Nidia—before she met Jamie Noble ... Stocky build and upper body strength are similar to those of Rick Steiner ... Like JYD, always makes time to entertain the kids.

281 VIC GRIMES

(6'2", 375, 7, 270) New Jack used a stun gun on him and threw him from a 40-foot-high scaffold to end their ECW/XPW feud ... Suffered a concussion and deep-tissue bruises and missed two weeks of action ... Lost to Supreme in an exploding ring match in October ... Tours Japan on occasion ... His signature maneuver is the "Grimes you up" ... A member of the Black Army ... A former All Pro Universal champion.

282 JAG

(5'11", 210, 3, 275) Forced Steve O'Neal to pass out due to his Texas cloverleaf en route to winning the



MPW title in Australia ... Won a 10-man battle royal to capture the PSWA belt ... Still holds both of those championships as of press time ... Reunited with his old partner, Havok ... Played "Captain Carnage" in

an Energizer commercial ... His finishing maneuver is the jagged edge, a Death Valley driver off the top rope ... The first Australia-based wrestler to crack the "PWI 500" ... Plans on touring Asia and the U.S. in the near future.

283 ROGER ANDERSON

(6'2", 275, 12, 267) Competes in Kentucky and Tennessee, usually for Nationwide Championship Wrestling and Southern States Wrestling ... Also a headliner in Virginia ... Still teams with Death & Destruction partner Frank Parker whenever possible ... Wrestled Manny Fernandez, Road Warrior Hawk, Greg Valentine, Rick Morton, and Masked Superstar during the past year.

284 INFERNO

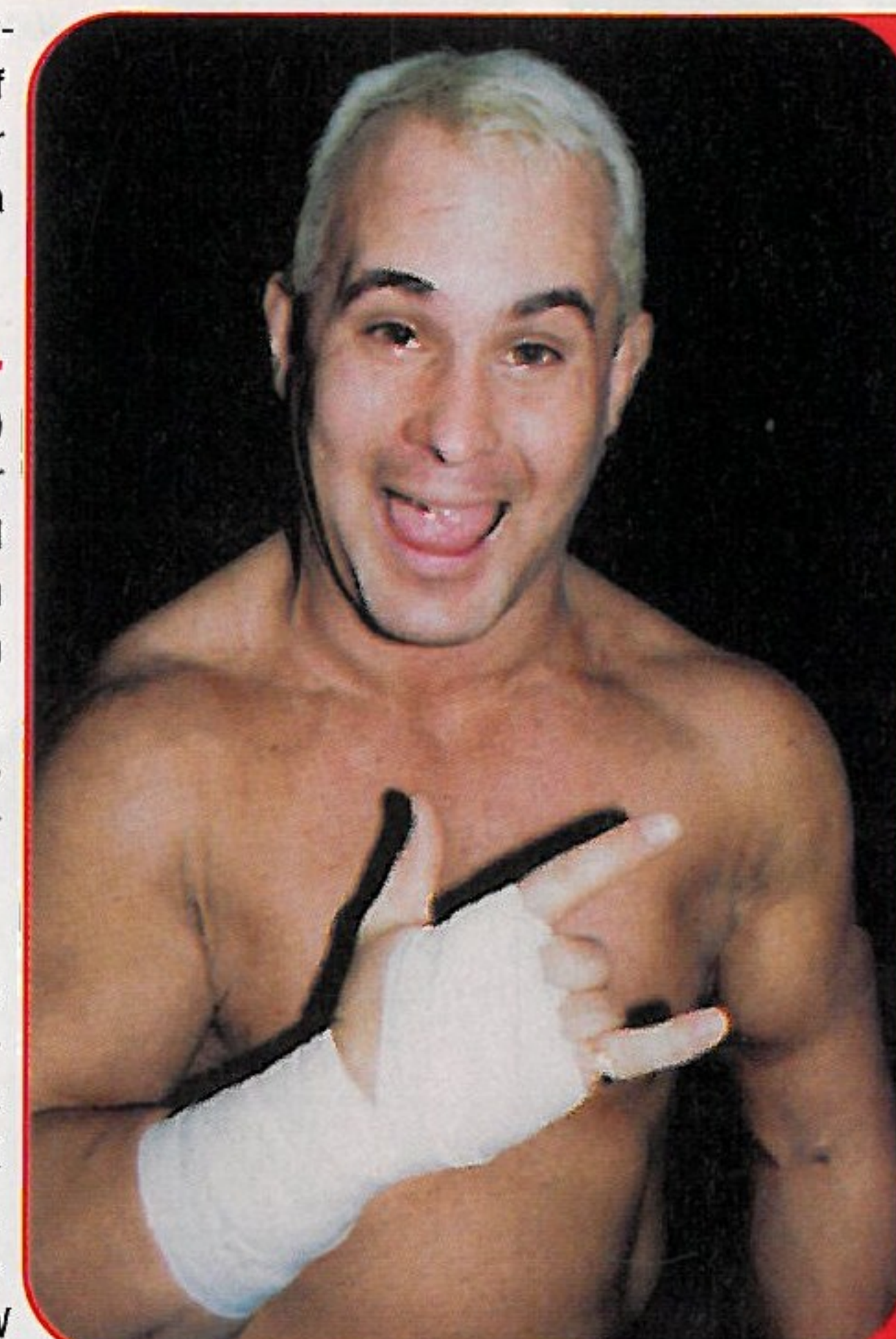
(6'4", 230, 10, 279) Celebrated his 10th anniversary in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... Formed a clique with Ruffhouse Rivera and Ryan Wing ... Toured Puerto Rico, Honduras, Cuba, and Alaska ... Also competed in Pennsylvania's World Xtreme Wrestling ... The current JPW champion ... Appeared on the *Shipwrecked* reality television series ... Battled Justin Credible, Billy Gunn, and Slyk Wagner Brown in dark matches at WWE TV shows.

285 JIMMY VEGAS

(6'3", 250, 2, NL) Wrestled under the name Jeff Jeffries during a WWE dark match in Norfolk, Virginia ... Invited to WWE's tryout camp in Cincinnati ... Beat popular rivals such as The Sandman, Tommy Dreamer, Mahoney, and Julio Dinero in the IWC ... Helped his close friend Disco Inferno win a number of matches ... Defeated Orion for the IWC title on March 2 ... A running buddy of Boomer Payne ... Trained by Shane Douglas and Dominic DeNucci ... His finishing maneuver is the *cha-ching* slam, a version of the Angle slam.

286 ICEBERG

(6'3", 600, 6, NL) Jeff G. Bailey's bodyguard ... Called the "Being Of Inconceivable Horror" ... Slices opponents with a potato peeler that Bailey claims "was forged in the depths of hell" ... Has pinned savage icons such as Abdullah the Butcher and Japan's Mr. Pogo ... Teamed with One Man Gang against Carlos Colon and Abdullah in Puerto Rico ... This behemoth executes a version of the swanton bomb, dubbed the extinction level event.



287 CHRIS CANDIDO

(5'8", 226, 12, 96) Not as much of a force on the independent scene as in the past ... His highest-profile bookings have been in California's Xtreme Pro Wrestling, while most of his matches occur in the Northeast ... Still tours Japan on occasion ... Accompanied by his long-time girlfriend, Tammy Sytch ... "No Gimmicks Needed" is his motto ... Grandson of Chuck "Popeye" Richards ... A former NWA heavyweight champion.

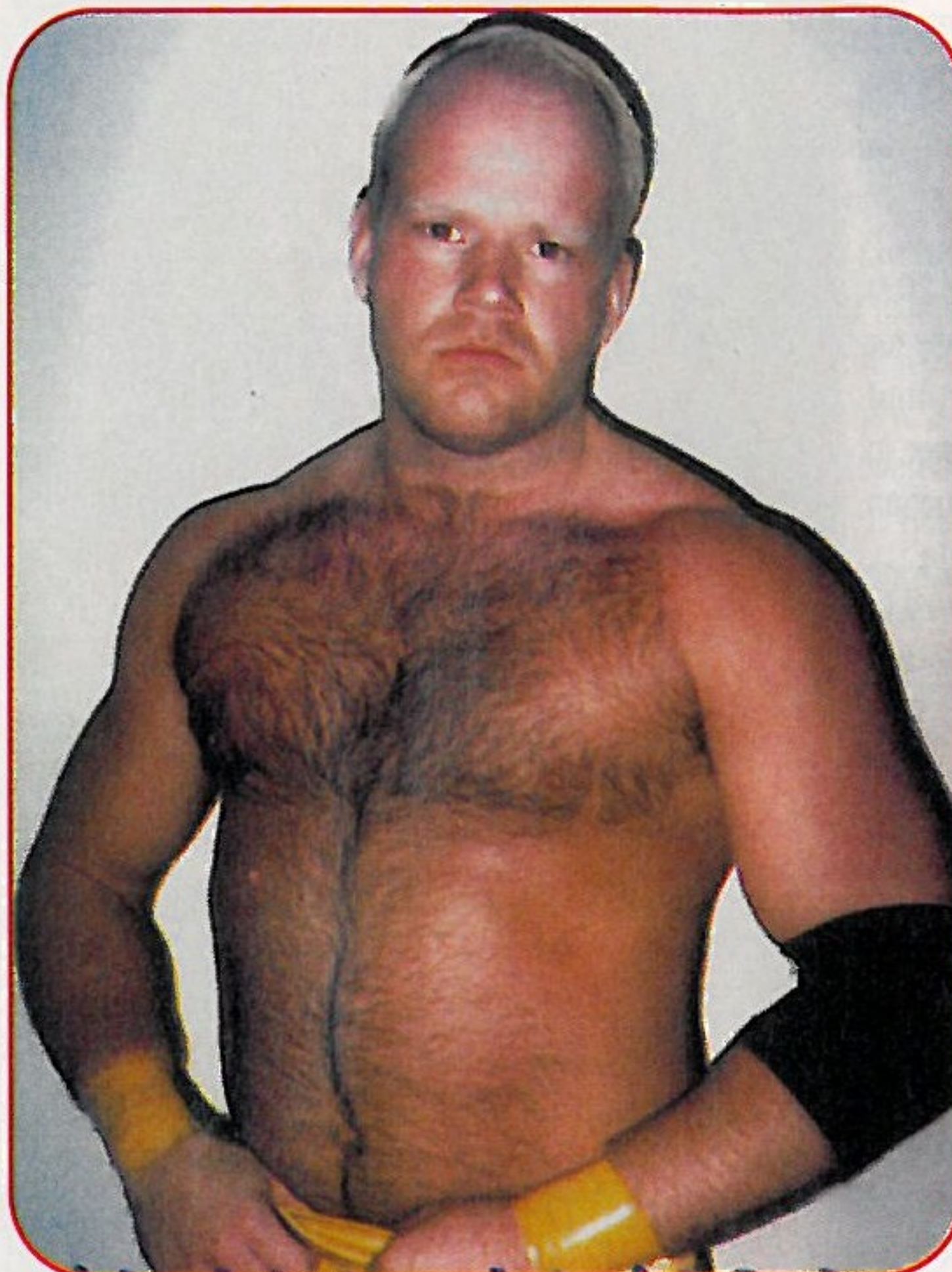
288 J.R. RYDER

(6'3", 230, 6, 263) He and J.J. Johnston comprise the brutal J-Team, managed by Sebastian Knight ... They feuded with the Maximo brothers and the team of American Dragon and Low-Ki in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... Failed to beat ECWA champion Scoot Andrews in a series of matches ... Faced Canada's Principal Pound at the 2001 Brian Pillman Memorial Show.

289 DON MONTOYA

(5'10", 265, 7, 223) Heavyweight star of the East Coast independents is more agile than ever before ... Wrestles all throughout his home state of New Jersey, where he is a decorated champion ... Teams with Reckless Youth and Mike Quackenbush to form the Black T-shirt Squad ... Currently holds the Pittsburgh freeweight title, a championship for all weight classes ... Had a short feud with Brian Christopher and Jerry Lawler in the last year ... Favorite holds include the Doctor bomb and the seated version of the miracle ecstasy.

Midwest and South, with occasional tours of the East Coast ... Known as "Classic Colt" ... His finishing maneuver is the Colt .45, a variation of the backbreaker.



293 VANCE NEVADA (5'10", 221, 9, 268) Competes throughout Canada, from the Pacific Coast's Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling to the Atlantic provinces' Real Action Wrestling ... Enjoyed a long reign as Top Rope Championship Wrestling titleholder ... His toughest defense was against Tatanka (Chris Chavis) ... Boomed during his feud with Cyrus in Saskatchewan's Pro Outlaw Wrestling ... Fans tend to chant, "Who wears short shorts?" whenever Nevada appears.

294 MAHONEY (6'2", 360, 10, 156) Competes frequently in the Northeast, especially in his home state of New Jersey ... Enjoyed his greatest indy success in Detroit's Xtreme Intense Championship Wrestling, where he held the promotion's heavyweight title ... Still known as a "chair-swingin' freak" ... Wrestled in Frontier Martial Arts Wrestling in the past ... A former ECW tag team champ ... Is actually a solid mat wrestler when he wants to be.

295 LASH LeROUX (5'10", 225, 4, 111) Reduced his schedule following the WWF's purchase of WCW in 2001 ... Reassigned to Heartland Wrestling Association then was released from his contract in December 2001 ... A surprise entrant to the NWA-TNA "Gauntlet For The

290 BOOMER PAYNE (6', 247, 7, 277) Lost the CWF title to Dale Price ... Regained the belt from Price in a bloody barbed wire streetfight on November 28 ... Dropped the CWF strap to Powerhouse Hughes a week later ... Payne is the only man to ever hold the CWF championship on two occasions ... Feuded with The Blue Meanie and The Sandman in the International Wrestling Cartel ... Won the IWC high-stakes title from Shirley Doe.

291 NIGEL MCGUINNESS (6'2", 220, 3, NL) This popular Brit has returned to Heartland Wrestling Association ... Sometimes teams with Time Bomb, his brother-in-law ... Managed by wife Tina Ambrose-McGuinness ... Proved his worth by having a fantastic match with E.Z. Money this year ... Finisher is the stump puller, which he calls the guvnor's crummet ... Former HWA tag team champ with Time Bomb ... Often carries an iron to the ring, but no one really knows why.

292 COLT CABANA (6'1", 235, 3, NL) His rivalry with C.M. Punk has brought pure wrestling to IWA Mid-South, a promotion originally based on hardcore ... Defeated Punk and Eddie Guerrero in a three-way match for the IWA Mid-South title ... Also held the IWF Michigan State and Steel Domain TV belts ... Competes throughout the



Gold" battle royal for the vacant NWA title ... Nicknamed the "Ragin' Cajun" ... The whiplash is his finisher ... A former WCW cruiserweight champion ... "Lashing Out" cartoon appears in *The Wrestler*.

296 JASON RUMBLE (5'9", 201, 2, 282) Captured the junior heavyweight title in a five-way match also involving defending champ Lex Lovett at the NWA 53rd anniversary show ... Lost to Rocky Reynolds at an NWA Tri-State show ... Regained the belt two weeks later ... Dropped the belt back to Reynolds on April 6 ... Beat Kid Narcissistic for the NWA New England junior heavyweight strap two weeks later ... Lost the title back to Narcissistic on June 1 ... His finisher is the Mass Pike, a version of the lion tamer ... Adopted the nickname of his deceased mentor, Tony Rumble: "Boston Bad Boy."

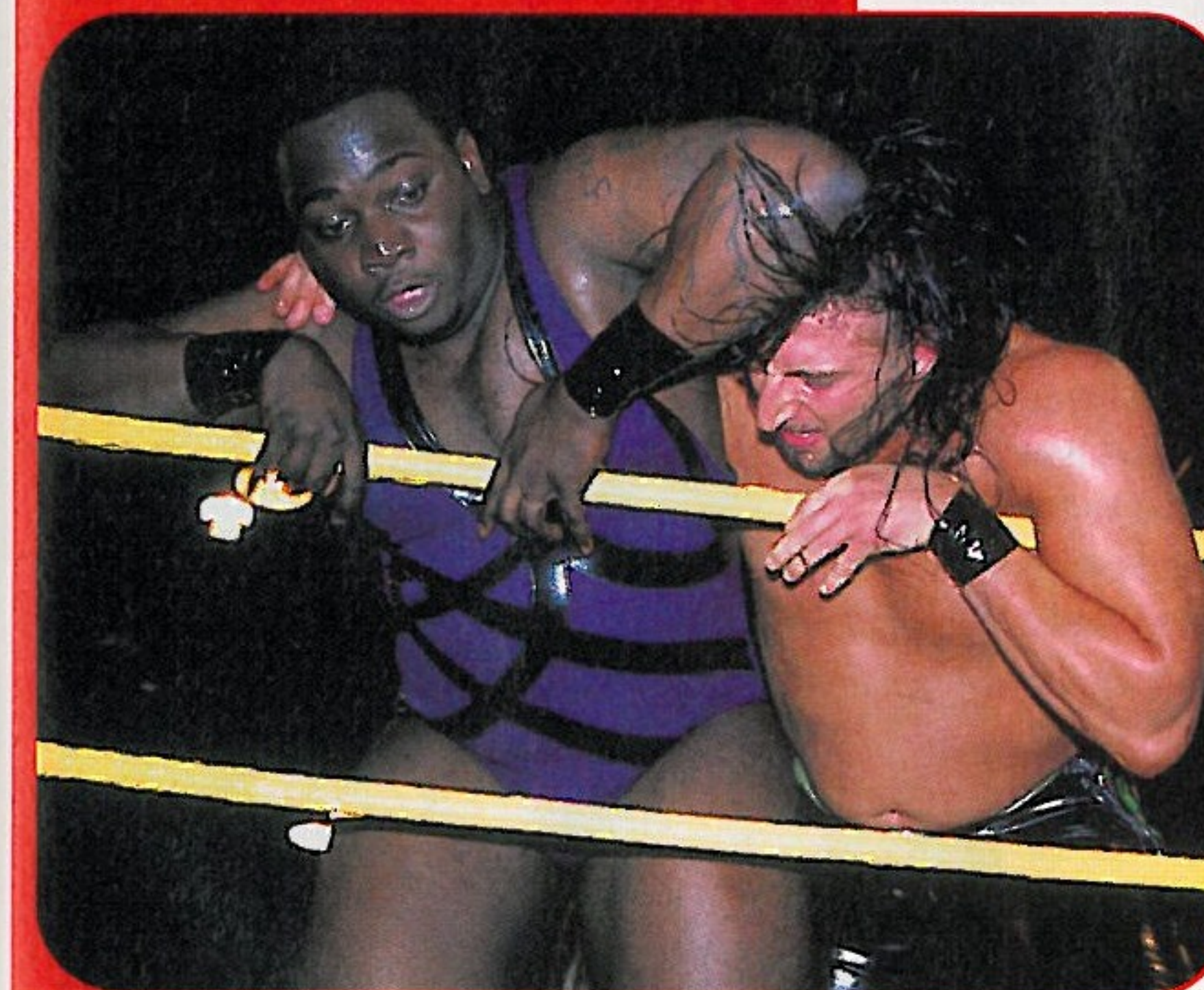
297 LEX LOVETT (6'1", 215, 3, 285) Defeated Mike Thunder for the NWA junior heavyweight title on August 21 in Tampa ... Lost the belt to Jason Rumble in a five-way match at the NWA 53rd anniversary show ... Competes primarily in NWA Florida ... A former NWA Florida junior heavyweight champ ... His top rival is Jet Jaguar ... Trained by Steve Keirn and Jimmy Del Ray ... Lobbying for a shot at current NWA junior heavyweight champion Jimmy Rave.

298 HAVOK (6', 235, 2, NL) Holds the South Australian championship, a title that dates back to the 1950s ... Successfully defended the belt against Chopper Coleman, despite the interference of his Heavy Duty cronies ... Competes in Pro Wrestling South Australia ... Nicknamed the "Master Of Mayhem" ... Reunited with Jag ... Suffered a concussion when dropped from the top rope and through a table with a DDT ... Bruised his rotator cuff when he fell off a ladder in the ring and through a table on the arena floor ... His finisher is called "the killer," a sitting rack backbreaker.

299 JACEY NORTH (6', 189, 3, 357) Had his breakout match when he defeated Biggie Biggs to become the first Virginia State champion at the NWA's 53rd anniversary show in St. Petersburg, Florida ... Defended the belt against Biggs and Preston Quinn ... Retained the belt against Chino Martinez at JAPW's Russ Haas Memorial Show ... Feuded with White Trash, Lance Dreamer, and Joey Matthews in NWA Wildside ... Teamed with Calvin Rose to beat Bob and Scott Armstrong for the Unified Championship Wrestling tag team title in Alabama ... Trained by Cueball Carmichael and Jimmy Cicero ... This U.S. Marine prides himself on his endurance ... Calls himself "Mr. Delicious" ... A writer and photographer in his spare time.

300 QUINN MAGNUM (6'5", 271, 6, 326) Has expanded his travels to the entire East Coast ... Defeated Spyder for the North American title in less than five minutes at the NWA's 53rd Anniversary Show in the biggest win of his career ... Wrestled former NWA champions Gary Steele, Steve Corino, Shinya Hashimoto, and Dan Severn ... Remained the top-ranked NWA star in PWI's ranking during the heavyweight title vacancy last year ... Also held the NLW belt ... Feuding with former best friend Crusher Hansen ... His finishing maneuver is the .357 Magnum, a version of the blockbuster ... Added the crossface submission hold to his repertoire ... Expected to tour Japan with Zero-One.

301 PRINCE NANA (5'11", 235, 6, 315) Ended Scoot Andrews' year-long East Coast Wrestling Association title reign ... Put the beloved Cheetah Master out of wrestling temporarily in a bloody, brutal cage match, held in January ... Also feuded with Scoot Andrews, Tom Marquez, and Xavier ... Wrestled Steve Blackman and Crash Holly at WWE shows ... Competes throughout the Northeast ... A legitimate prince from Ghana in Africa.



302 AZRAEL (6', 220, 5, NL) Abandoned his fun-loving "Mark E. Mark" persona, and calls himself Azrael, the "Angel Of Death" ... Owes the sick transformation to The Sinister Manager, who manages Azrael and Gabriel, otherwise known as The Lost Boys ... Uses lethal kick combinations ... He and Gabriel defeated Blackout for the NWA Wildside tag team title in a wild ladder match ... Strangely, The Lost Boys' morbid interviews have made them among the most popular stars in the promotion.

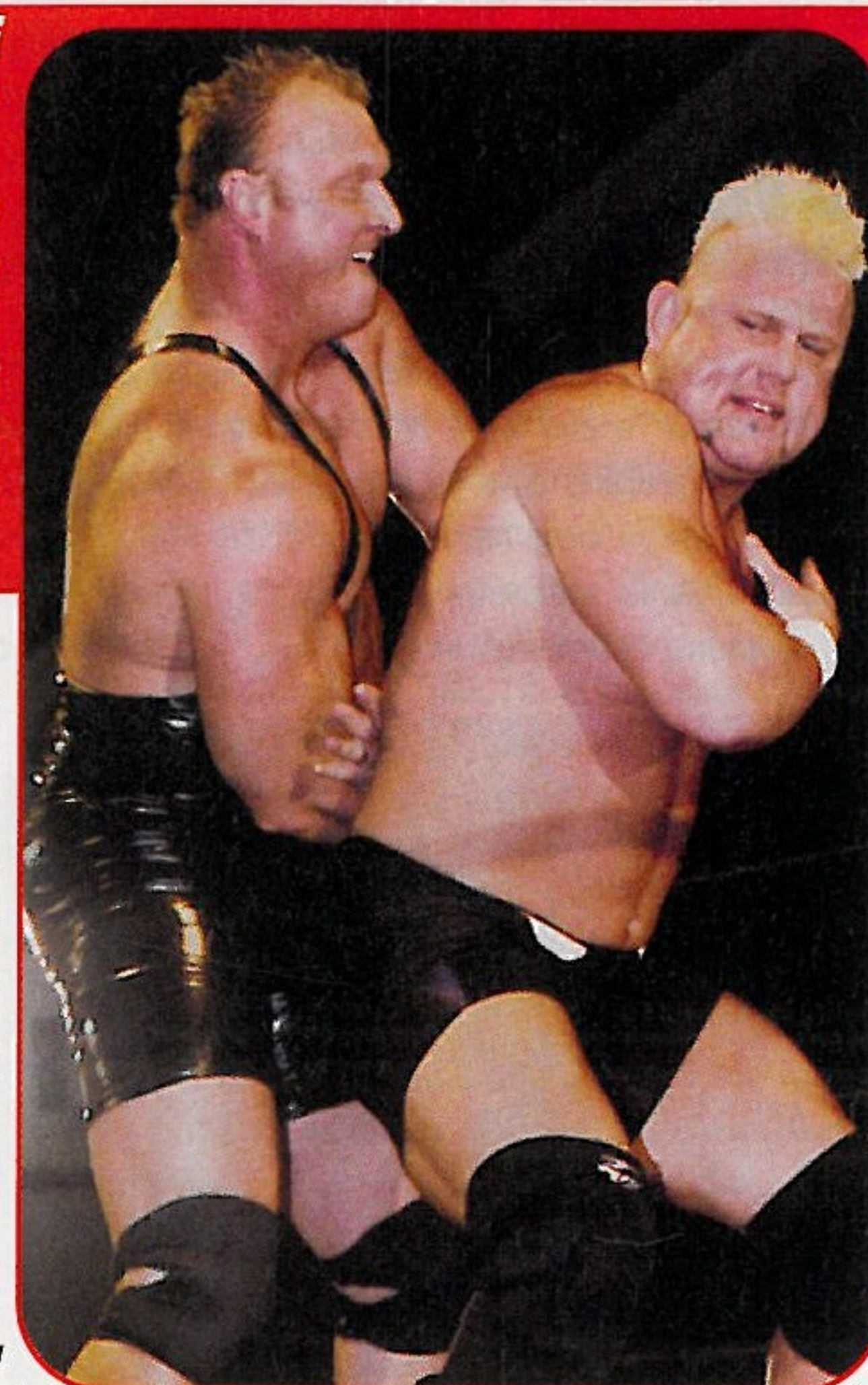
303 MAXX JUSTICE (6'6", 272, 7, 378) Several Japanese promotions are scouting this monster ... Wrestles primarily for California's Pro Wrestling Iron ... Trained by Ric Thompson and Michael Modest ... A former All Pro universal champ ... A severe biceps tear derailed his WWF prospects a few years ago ... Has also competed in WCW, Midwest Championship Wrestling, and Global Wrestling.

304 NAPHTALI (5'11", 165, 4, 313) Teamed with Dagon Briggs to become the Florida unified tag team champions, merging the IPW and NWA Florida tag team titles, in a three-way match also involving Quickiemart and the team of Joey Matthews and Christian York ... Won the Future of Wrestling lightweight belt in Davie, Florida ... Defeated Jet Jaguar and Jimmy Rave this year ... His finisher is the fountain of death, a triple-jump moonsault dropkick into a chair.

305 C.M. PUNK (6'1", 215, 4, NL) Held the Steel Domain TV and Mid-American Wrestling titles, along with the IWA Mid-South heavyweight and light heavyweight belts, simultaneously at one point during the past year ...

Retained the IWA Mid-South heavyweight strap against Chris Hero in a 55-minute tables and ladders match ... Also successfully defended against Road Dogg ... Lost the championship ... Lost the championship in a three-way match also involving Rey Misterio Jr., but regained it from Guerrero in a one-on-one bout the following night ... Eventually lost the belt to Colt Cabana in another three-way involving Guerrero ... His finisher is the Pepsi plunge, a pedigree piledriver from the top rope.

306 NICK MONDO (6'1", 202, 3, NL) Continues to sicken fans with hardcore violence in Steel Domain Wrestling and Combat Zone Wrestling despite sustaining multiple injuries in his brief career ... Has endured five concussions, several breaks of his right wrist, and dozens of stitches in his back ... Can visibly move a bone fragment in his left elbow ... His arsenal includes a double-stomp to the head from off the top rope, a corkscrew guillotine legdrop, and his own invention, a sitout reverse power bomb ... "Sick"



Nick is a three-time former Combat Zone ironman champ.

307 GABRIEL (6'1", 212, 1, NL) He and Azrael, otherwise known as The Lost Boys, are one of the most popular teams in NWA Wildside ... Feuded with one of Shawn Michaels' trainees, TNT ... The Lost Boys defeated Blackout for the NWA Wildside tag team title in a ladder match, and successfully defended the belts against Jay and Mark Briscoe ... Often goes into chair-throwing fits ... A reckless high-flyer ... Calls himself "The Archangel."

308 QUIET STORM (5'8", 180, 2, NL) This unassuming star competes in promotions throughout the Northeast, including the East Coast Wrestling Association, the Premier Wrestling Federation, and Maryland Championship Wrestling ... Teams with Chris Divine in a team known as Divine Storm ... Employs the Japanese style ... Has been called a "little" Chris Benoit ... His Storm cradle driver looks devastating.

309 MIKE PITTMAN (5'11", 194, 1, NL) Most of his career was uneventful in 2001, but this young Man hit his stride in early-2002 ... Teamed with his hero, Joey Matthews, against Mr. Delicious and Slim J at an NWA Wildside television taping ... Formed The Rage with fellow newcomer Scott Cage ... Trained by Rick Michaels ... Calls his finishing maneuver the "whisper in the wind."

310 FLASH BARKER (6'3", 270, 15, NL) The current FWA British champion ... Beat Doug Williams for the title in a controversial decision, but defends the belt in a straightforward manner ... A popular veteran ... Belongs to the Old School Faction in the Frontier Wrestling Alliance ... His finishing move is a strong punch, known as the iron fist ... Once represented the U.K. at the Olympics in karate competition ... Holds the Premier Promotions mid-heavyweight strap.



311 MONSTA MACK (5'10", 263, 5, 398) Teams with Mafia ... They are known as Da Hit Squad ... Feuding with The Shane Twins, The Natural Born Sinners, and the team of Low-Ki and Xavier ... The clothesline from Compton is his favorite finisher ... Altered his style to incorporate more suplexes and other leverage-based maneuvers ... Competes on the East Coast ... Has held the Jersey All Pro, World Xtreme Wrestling, Impact Championship Wrestling, Jersey Championship Wrestling, and Long Island Wrestling Federation tag team titles, among others.

312 BRANDON K (5'10", 202, 4, 308) Expanded his travels beyond Pittsburgh this year, to states such as New Jersey, Georgia, and Florida ... So obsessed with beating longtime partner Dirk Ciglar for the NWA East Triple Crown that he turned heel and joined Homicide ...

Won the gold, but lost his fans ... Reconciled with Ciglar and, together, they beat Frankie Kazarian and Nova for the East Coast Wrestling Alliance tag team title ... Pinned Crowbar at a World Xtreme Wrestling show ... Added the Boston crab to his repertoire.

313 NICK GAGE (5'11", 240, 3, NL) Co-holder of the Combat Zone tag team title with Nate Hatred ... They defeated VD for the belts on May 11 ... Sacrifices his body with no hesitation ... The very first CZW heavyweight champ ... Also a former Big Japan tag team titleholder ... Recently turned fan favorite ... Belongs to the H8 Club with Hatred and manager Dewey Donovan ... Uses the frog splash or brainbuster as his finisher ... He and Justice Pain have had the longest rivalry in CZW history ... Beat Jay Briscoe, The Backseat Boyz, and Nick Mondo this year.

314 MAFIA (5'11", 260, 3, 400) He and Monsta Mack comprise Da Hit Squad ... Competes up and down the East Coast ... Wrestles in Jersey All Pro Wrestling, Ring of Honor, Impact Championship Wrestling, the Premier Wrestling Federation, and IPW Hardcore Wrestling ... His finisher is the burning hammer, an inverted torture rack/DDT combo ... Has won a total of 16 indy tag team titles, including four Jersey All Pro tag championships.

315 THE MESSIAH (5'11", 213, 6, 241) Left the West Coast, where he was the Xtreme Pro Wrestling champion, for the East Coast, where he debuted for Combat Zone Wrestling on January 12 ... One of CZW's most popular stars ... Defeated Justice Pain for the Combat Zone title after an amazing 64 minutes of action ... Lost it back to Pain a month later ... Failed to beat Adam Flash for the same belt ... Had a big win over Nick Mondo this year ... His finishing maneuver is the fall from grace, which is known in Japan as the burning hammer ... Was involved in a sick real-life incident this summer in which he was attacked at his home and had one of his thumbs cut off. Police were still investigating the matter at press time.

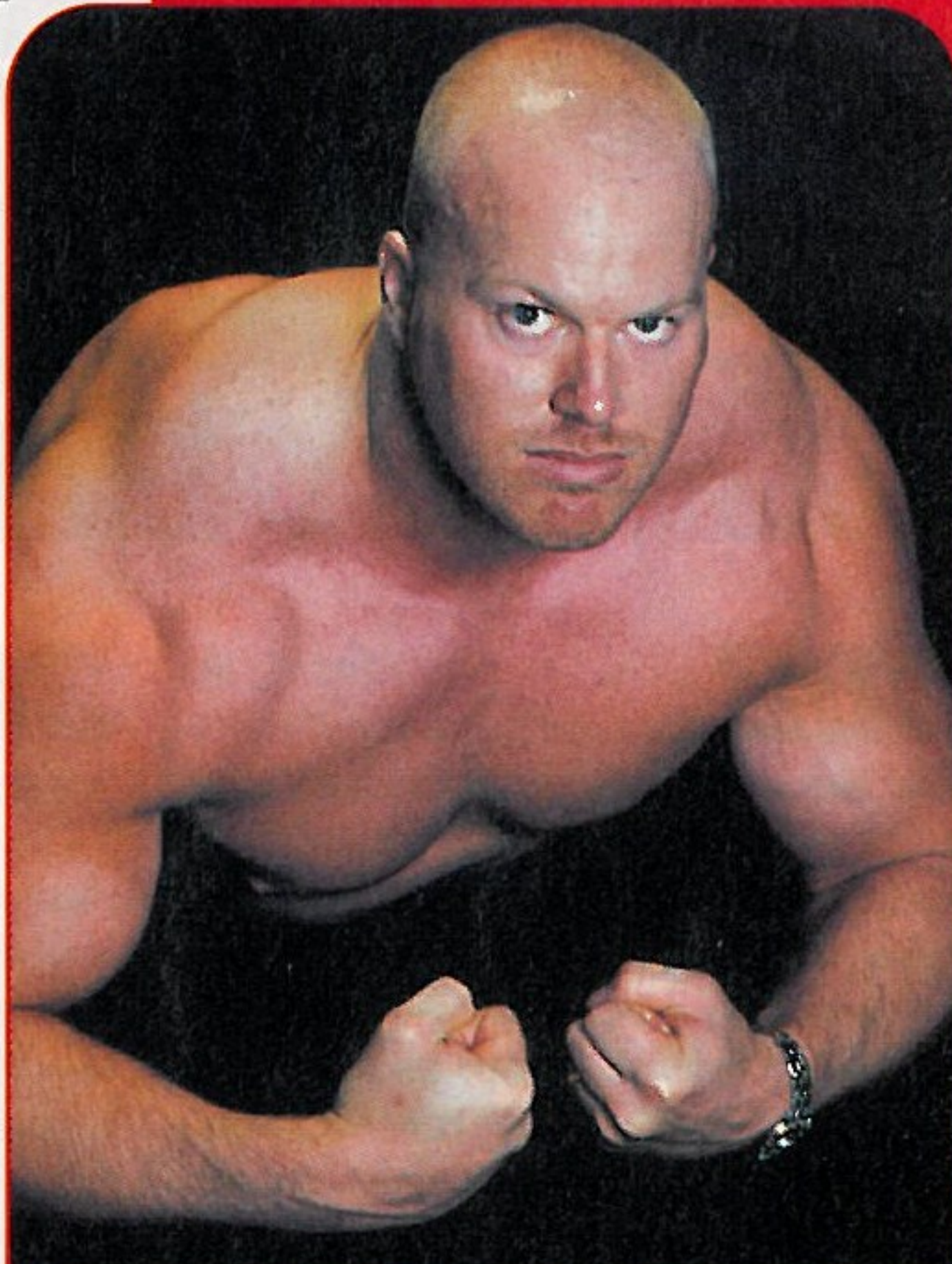
316 CHAZ TAYLOR (6'1", 230, 14, NL) Recovered from torn ACLs in both knees ... Competes in Texas ... His finishing maneuvers are the Spanish fly and the Chaztizer, a spin around bulldog ... Known for his feud with The Lightning Kid (X-Pac) in the GWF during the early-1990s ... His highest "PWI 500" ranking was number 123 in 1993 ...

The once-modest Taylor now calls himself the "Love Machine" ... The son of Tugboat Taylor.

317 SKULL GANZ (6'1", 265, 7, 343) Defeated DBA for the Xtreme Intense Championship Wrestling hardcore title ... Also won the Millennium Wrestling Federation belt ... Injured his shoulder when thrown against a ring post, and involved in a car accident on January 13, his birthday ... Underwent surgery four days later ... Missed one month of action and returned without his doctor's consent ... Competes in Michigan, Ohio, Canada, and Pennsylvania ... Added the cross-plex stretch, a submission hold, to his repertoire ... Nicknamed the "Pit Bull."

318 TIGER KHAN (5'9", 220, 4, NL) Appeared in Phoenix Championship Wrestling as Prince Nana's partner in a three-way match also involving The Power Company Twins and the team of Ozzy and Slayer ... Helped The Prophet attack Joe Gunns ... Now must deal with Commissioner Dr. Hurtz in addition to Gunns ... Has competed for Stampede Wrestling in Canada and several independent promotions throughout the Northeast ... Hails from Bombay, India.

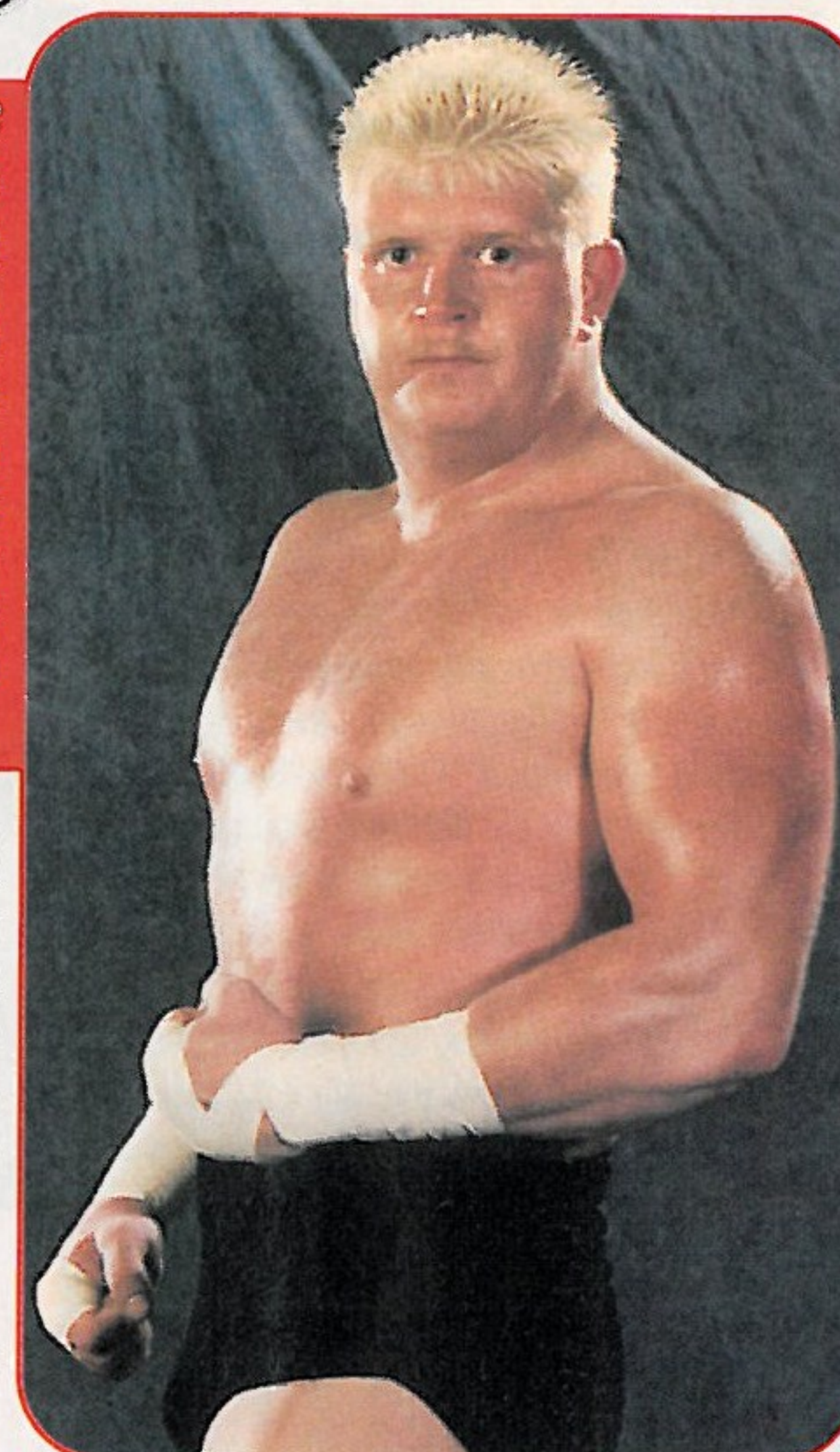
319 NATHAN JONES (6'10", 315, 2, 348) Won the World Wrestling All-Stars title in a four-corners match also involving Scott Steiner, Brian Christopher, and defending champ Jeff Jarrett ... Lost the belt to Steiner ... Trained at UPW's Ultimate University ... Hails from Australia ... Has competed in Arnold Schwarzenegger's "World's Strongest Man" contest ... Has a degree in economics.



320 TREVOR RHODES (6'4", 240, 7, NL) Defeated The Gold Exchange for the World League Wrestling tag team title on two occasions, with Bull Schmitt and Wade Chism as partners ... Faced Schmitt, his best friend, in a top contenders match that went to a draw ... Lost to former WCW World champion Jeff Jarrett at WLW's biggest show of the year on May 4 ... His finisher is a bulldog off the top rope ... Upset Haku to become the all-time youngest WLW heavyweight champ two years ago.

321 DUSTY WOLFE (5'11", 230, 20, 337) The current IWF champion ... Competes primarily in south Texas and is based in Brownsville ... Toured England, where he's feuding with James Mason ... Wrestled Robbie Brookside to multiple 30-minute draws while in Britain ... Celebrating two decades in the business in 2002 ... Competed in the WWF during the 1980s.

322 TOM MARQUEZ (5'9", 235, 2, NL) Became the first Phoenix Championship Wrestling TV champion ... Dropped the title to Frankie Kazarian ... One of Tazz' last trainees in ECW's House of Hardcore ...



325 SCOTT D'AMORE (5'11", 247, 10, 355) Now a fan favorite again after being ousted by The Syndicate ... Vacated his position as Border City Wrestling commissioner ... Well-versed in submission and technical wrestling ... Has held the Border City title, in addition to regional championships in Ontario, Michigan, and Ohio ... Has competed on WWF, WCW, and ECW shows as well as in Europe and Japan.

326 ULF HERMANN (6'7", 300, 13, NL) Feuding with Doug Williams and Scott Parker in the U.K.'s Frontier Wrestling Alliance ... Briefly held the FWA tag team title with Drew McDonald ... Native of Germany ... Trained at WCW's Power Plant, and wrestled Rob Van Dam and Spike Dudley in ECW ... Likes to swear ... A spinning power bomb is his finisher ... Defeated Brian Christopher at the "British Revival" show ... Tours with System of a Down, Rammstein, and other bands when not wrestling.

327 MR. OOH LA LA (5'10", 230, 14, 334) Defeated Mozart Fontaine for the ECWA Mid-Atlantic title after the two had a falling-out ... They later renewed their friendship ... Also feuded with Cheetah Master and Thunder ... One of the most hated men in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... Had an in-ring confrontation with long-time ECWA fan John "Hat Guy" Bailey in May ... Competes in Pocono Championship Wrestling on occasion ... Has one of the more entertaining (and clumsy) ring entrances on the indy scene.

Executes clotheslines and suplexes just like his mentor ... His affiliation with The Matrix has made him ruthless ... Formerly known as The Prodigy.

323 IAN ROTTEN (5'10", 245, 12, NL) Re-formed Bad Breed with his brother, Axl, and they won the IWA Mid-South tag team title a couple of times earlier this year ... An auto accident caused a rash of shoulder and knee problems for Rotten a couple of years ago, and he has since lost 90 pounds to improve his endurance and alleviate pressure on his knees ... Won the IWA Mid-South King of the Deathmatches ... Teamed with 2 Cold Scorpio, Abdullah the Butcher, and Chris Hero this year ... Beat Madman Pondo in a barefoot thumbtacks match after The Insane Clown Posse turned against Pondo ... His finisher is the double-underhook DDT.

324 PRESTON QUINN (6'2", 242, 7, 321) Won the Virginia Championship Wrestling title this year ... His brutal six-month feud with Q-Sic led to a ban of the piledriver in the promotion ... His signature maneuver is the paradigm shift, consisting of three rolling piledrivers ... Added a modified brainbuster to his repertoire this year ... Competes in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia.

329 T. RANTULA (6'6", 305, 12, 333) Utilizes brawling and hardcore styles ... Based in his hometown of Pittsburgh, but also competes in Ohio and West Virginia ... Has wrestled in Canada and South Africa ... The current Far North champion ... Trained by Dominic DeNucci ... Likes to get the crowd going with his catchphrase, "Here we goooo!" ... Defeated Cactus Jack (Mick Foley) for his first Steel City title, his first major championship in Pittsburgh.

330 RAPID FIRE MALDONADO (6'2", 241, 4, 358)

Accused Premier Wrestling Federation owner Rob Dimension of being racist against Puerto Rican wrestlers, despite the fact that The Maximo Brothers are PWF tag champions and The Amazing Red is the junior heavyweight champ ... A trained kickboxer who holds black belts in three forms of karate ... Recently suspended from the PWF for hitting a fan who was booing him ... A former IWA champion.

331 SCOTT BISHOP (5'10", 232, 21, 316)

He and partner Jason Justice are known as The U.S. Marshals ... They pre-



tended to break up in order to blindside Da Bomb Squad in October 2001 with a reunion challenge ... The Marshals won the Volunteer Championship Wrestling tag team title from Da Bomb Squad, which led to their own breakup ... Captured the VCW heavyweight title from longtime champ Stan Pennington in a best-of-three-falls match, and defeated Ghost Rider for the IUCW U.S. belt ... Feuding with Demon ... His signature maneuver is the killotine.

332 JOHN WALTERS (6', 222, 2, NL)

Co-holder of the Chaotic Wrestling tag team title with Vince Vicallo ...

They are known as 12-Pack ... Uses the sharp-shooter as his finishing hold ... Defeated Slyk Wagner Brown for the Chaotic Wrestling TV belt on September 7 of last year ... Lost the TV strap in a title unification match against then-light heavyweight champ Dukes Dalton to form the New England championship on February 16 in Lowell, Massachusetts ... "Hurricane" is the best-conditioned athlete in Chaotic Wrestling.

333 RICO CASANOVA (6', 225, 10, 341)

Wrestled for well over a dozen promotions during the past year, including IPW Hardcore Wrestling, the Christian Wrestling Federation, Florida's Southern Championship Wrestling, NWA New England, and the World Wrestling Council ... The current NSW Puerto Rican champ ... Holds the Intense Wrestling Alliance tag team title with The Bug, and the United States Championship Wrestling tag championship with Frankie Capone ... His biggest feud has been with Eddie Colon in Puerto Rico.

334 DYLAN NIGHT (6', 234, 4, 353)

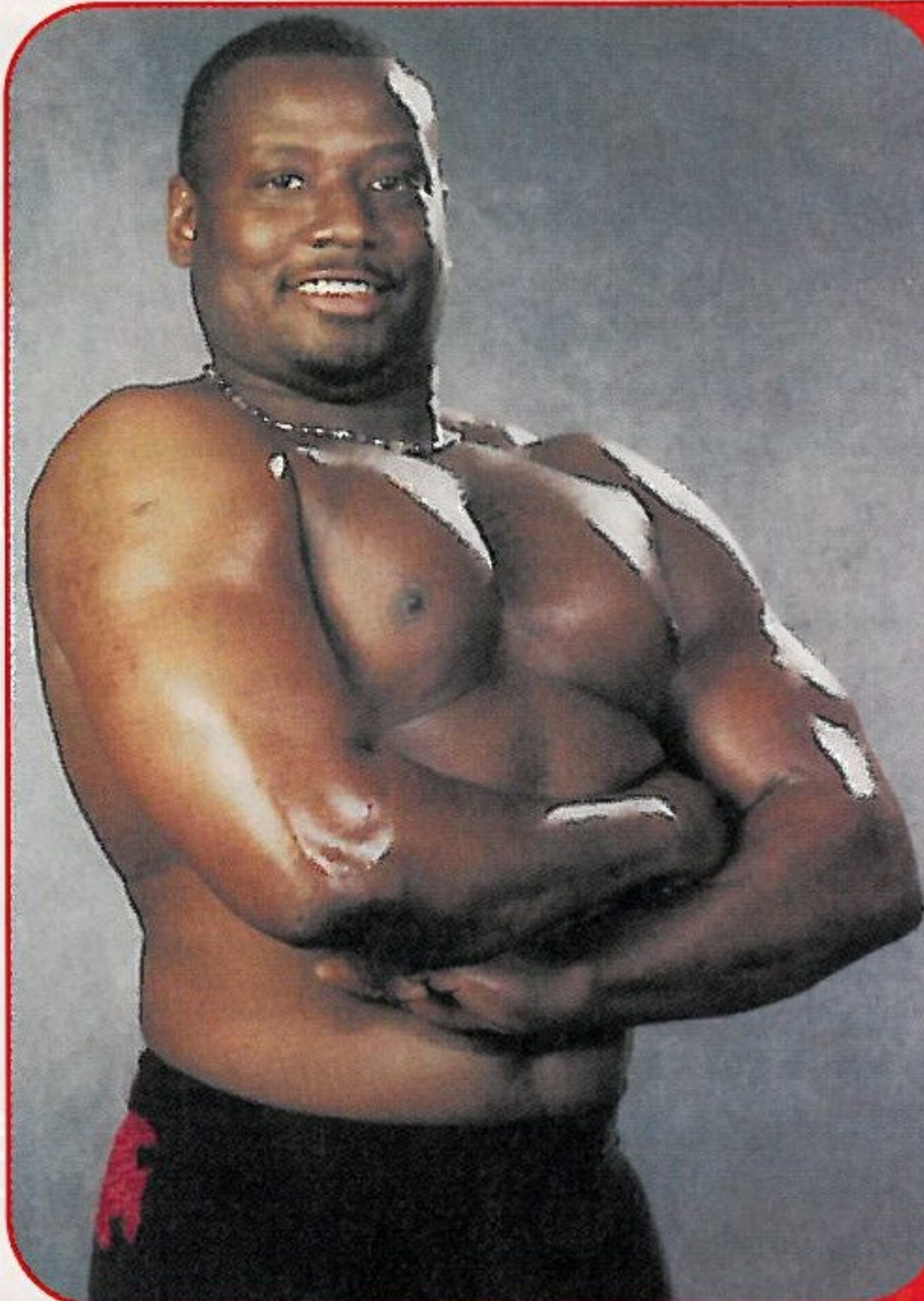
Competes primarily in PWF Universal ... Fights for the PWF like Tommy Dreamer fought for ECW ... But he shocked fans by turning against Guillotine LeGrande and Jack Victory ... Calls himself "High Profile" ... Accompanied by the lovely Candi ... Feuding with Samoa Joe ... Has won the PWF Universal title three times, defeating Steve Corino, Nova, and Johnny Kashmere, for the belt.

335 DENAAN CREED (5'10", 205, 3, NL)

Held the Maryland Championship Wrestling cruiserweight title for most of the year ... Lost the belt to The Amazing Red on March 27 ... Competes up and down the East Coast ... The 2000 Shamrock Cup winner was upset by Xavier in a qualifying match at this year's event ... A persistent rival of Reckless Youth.

336 TRENT ACID (5'11", 210, 8, 293)

He and Johnny Kashmere comprise The Backseat Boyz ... Arrived in Maryland Championship Wrestling after many requests by Internet fans ... Pursuing tag team champions Chad Bowman and Dino Divine ... Competes throughout the Northeast ... Revered in Combat Zone Wrestling ... Tours Japan on occasion.



337 WADE CHISM (6'3", 246, 1, NL)

A standout high school football player in central Missouri who impressed many in various toughman competitions ... Pinned former World League Wrestling champ Trevor Rhodes in only his second match ... Teamed with Rhodes to defeat The Gold Exchange for the WLW tag team title ... Former NWA World champion Harley Race and former heavyweight boxing champion Leon Spinks awarded Chism the WLW Rookie of the Year Award in 2001 ... His style has been compared to that of Rufus R. Jones—except "The Freight Train" never used a spin kick.

338 DR. LUTHER (6'1", 240, 14, 351)

Still the North American Wrestling champion, as well as the IWA titleholder ... Beat Cyrus for the No Holds Barred championship ... Lost the NWA Pacific Northwest/ECCW title after an impressive 13-month reign ... Tours Japan on occasion ... Tommy Dreamer, Sabu, Mikey Whipwreck, Christopher Daniels, and Terry Taylor have been among his most famous opponents.

339 JOHNNY SWINGER (6', 231, 10, NL)

Won an eight-man elimination match to claim the vacant Border City title ... Became the unofficial leader of The Syndicate after turning against Scott D'Amore ... Competes throughout Canada and the U.S. Great Lakes area often with Simon Diamond as his partner ... His finisher is the Swing thing, a cobra clutch into a Russian leg sweep ... Competed in WCW and ECW in the past ... Recently surfaced in NWA-TNA.

340 CHRIS DIVINE (5'8", 205, 3, NL)

Trained by former ECW champion Mikey Whipwreck ... Competes in the East Coast Wrestling Association, Ring of Honor, and Puerto Rico's IWA, among numerous other independents ... He and Quiet Storm comprise the team of Divine Storm ... Rivals include The Spanish Announce Team, Xavier, Low-Ki, and The Backseat Boyz ... Uses the Texas cloverleaf as his finishing hold.

341 RICK DEEZEL (6'2", 215, 14, 329)

Fired from his post as AWWF director of affiliates by CEO Dean Puckett ... Avenging that humiliation by causing trouble among the affiliates ... Already succeeded in placing a puppet owner, Poison, in charge of England's SCW ... Considered one of the founding fathers of the Allied Independent Wrestling Federation ... A hardcore specialist.

342 RUCKUS (5'11", 240, 3, NL)

One of the most popular stars in Combat Zone Wrestling ... Considered the number-two junior heavyweight wrestler, behind Trent Acid ... Larger than the average junior heavyweight ... His arsenal includes the phoenix splash, standing shooting star press, and the corkscrew senton bomb ... Made it to the semifinals of the Best of the Best junior heavyweight tournament ... A former Combat Zone junior heavyweight champion.

343 NATE HATRED (6'1", 267, 3, NL)

Holds the Combat Zone tag team title with Nick Gage ... Hatred and Gage defeated VD for the belts on May 11 ... They comprise the H8 Club with manager Dewey Donovan ... A mainstay in CZW since the summer of 2000 ... Wrestled for Big Japan ... Considered a tag team specialist ... He and Gage have beaten the Briscoe brothers, VD, and The Backseat Boyz ... His finisher is the fire thunder, a sit-out tombstone piledriver ... Best known for his grisly 200 light tubes match against W. Beater a couple of years ago.

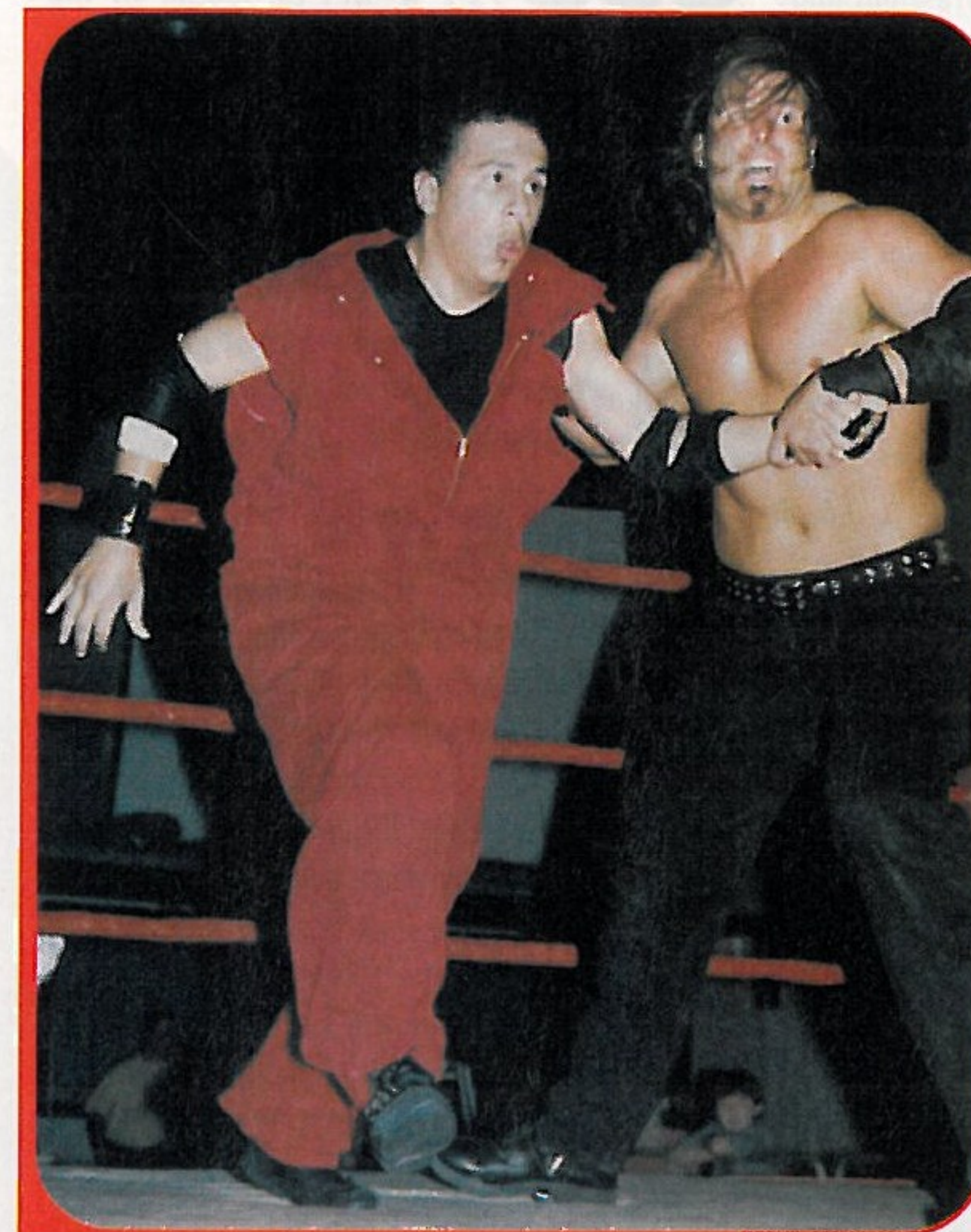
344 MARC ASH (6'1", 210, 13, 372)

Reigned as ICW Pro Wrestling champion for another remarkable year ... This popular star is still involved in his never-ending feud with Viper ... The Stro has entered ICW to renew a feud from the early-1990s ... "Mean" Marc also competes for other Southern independents, including the IWA and UPWC ... Headlined ICW's first Internet broadcast.

345 CYRUS (6'2", 228, 13, NL)

A member of The Syndicate in Border City Wrestling ... Co-holder of the Border City tag team title with Terry Taylor ... Owns No Holds Barred

Wrestling, based in Winnipeg ... Trained by Winnipeg promoter Tony Condello ... Also writes a wrestling column for *The Winnipeg Sun* and *Thunder Bay Chronicle Herald* ... Favors the figure-four leglock and a knee drop from the top rope ... A former WWF and ECW star.



346 J.J. JOHNSTON (6'1", 230, 4, 325)

Formed The J-Team with J.R. Ryder in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... Their feud with Jose and Joel Maximo and the team of American Dragon and Low-Ki culminated in a three-way cage match ... Wrestled as a singles competitor in Pocono Championship Wrestling ... Appeared as a security guard in a backstage vignette on *Smackdown*.

347 MADMAN PONDO (5'11", 231, 13, NL)

Claims to have realized his wrestling dream by touring with Big Japan ... Friends say that tour inflated Pondo's ego ... Appeared in The Insane Clown Posse's JCW ... A guest on Mancow's radio show several times ... Injured The Sandman's eye during the former ECW champion's first appearance in IWA Mid-South ... Lost to Ian Rotten in a barefoot thumbtacks match after The Insane Clown Posse betrayed him ... Often accompanied by his flunky, Nate Webb.

348 ACE STEEL (5'9", 211, 11, NL)

Enjoyed success in IWA Mid-South, Mid-American Wrestling, and World League

Wrestling ... Lost to IWA Mid-South champ C.M. Punk, one of his former students, on Christmas night ... He and tag team partner Danny Dominion trained regional stars such as Punk and Colt Cabana at their school, known as the Steel Domain ... Won the IWA Sweet Science 16 tournament ... Suffered a knee injury one

week later and missed eight weeks of action ... Captured the IWA Mid-South light heavyweight title upon his return ... Defeated Rey Misterio Jr. in a title defense ... His finisher is a springboard off the top rope into a DDT ... Known as "Sexy" Ace Steel ... Last ranked in the "PWI 500" in 2000.

349 J O H N BALSAMO (5'7", 190, 3, 383)

Won the U.S. Classic Championship Wrestling title on January 26 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania ... Captured the Millennium Wrestling Federation cruiserweight belt in Ohio ... Feuding with Fumar and Gillberg throughout the Mid-Atlantic states ... Coaches voted him the best 119-pound varsity wrestler in the history of Morris Knolls High School in Rockaway, New Jersey ... His finishers are the paisanoplex and the marinara crab.



350 JOHNNY KASH-MERE

(6', 192, 4, 331) Teams with Trent Acid ... They are known as The Backseat Boyz ... Competes throughout the Northeast, particularly in Maryland Championship Wrestling and Combat Zone Wrestling ... Occasionally tours Japan ... His signature maneuvers are the exploder suplex, the reverse somersault senton, and the one-hit wonder ... Fans love The Backseat Boyz' Midnight Express entrance theme.



351 NAVAJO WARRIOR

(6'1", 250, 9, NL) Guiding his partner, Ghostwalker, up the Ultimate Pro Wrestling and Japanese tag team ranks ... They had an intense feud with The Urban Outlaws this year ... Rivals include Hollywood and Horshu, The Cubanitos, and Hardcore Inc. ... Trained many of the wrestlers in the So-Cal faction ... A former Ultimate Pro Internet champ.

352 THE BRUISER

(6'2", 295, 4, 374) Captured the Maryland Championship Wrestling title three more times this year, bringing his total to five ... Beat Adam Flash, Jerry Lawler, and Orlando Jordan, respectively, for those titles ... The bruise-mission is his finisher ... Also known for his wicked T-bone suplexes ... His title defense against Shane Douglas at the May 22 "Tribute To Legends" went awry when he bullied

special referee Rick Steamboat, who jumped from the top turnbuckle and leveled him with a karate chop to the head ... The most feared man in MCW, but not by Steamboat.

353 NATRONE STEELE

(6', 225, 4, NL) Co-holder of the Southern Championship Wrestling tag team title with Scab ... Competes in a number of Southern independents ... Leader of the Anti-Social Society (ASS) ... One of the most hated wrestlers in SCW ... His finishing maneuver is the Steele spike ... Has also held the SCW North Carolina State and brass knuckles belts, along with the World Wrestling Organization championship ... Last ranked in the 2000 "PWI 500."

354 NICK BERK

(5'8", 180, 3, NL) Lost the Combat Zone ironman title to Adam Flash at the Cage of Death III ... Hasn't been able to find his groove in CZW since that loss ... Enjoyed a successful tour of Japan ... Held the Jersey All Pro Wrestling junior heavyweight belt ... One of his finishers is the Berk driver, a sit-out Death Valley driver ... Teams with Z-Barr ... Lost a qualifying match for the MCW Shane Shamrock Memorial Cup tournament to long-time rival Trent Acid ... Calls himself "Softcore."

355 WAGNER BROWN

(6'2", 220, 5, NL) Usually accompanied by Playboy model April Hunter ... Trained by Killer Kowalski ... Competes throughout the Northeast ... Beat Chris Hamrick for the ACW title in February ... Feuded with Dylan Kage, Crowbar, and Scoot Andrews ... Has also held the New England Championship Wrestling belt ... Felt Inferno's heat during a WWE dark match ... His nickname is "Slyk."

356 RICH MYERS

(5'10", 218, 12, 389) He and Earl the Pearl comprise The Holy Rollers ... They lost the Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team title to Joey Matthews and Christian York on November 3 ... Inability to regain the belts caused The Holy Rollers to throw manager Platinum Nat out of the Delaware Fairgrounds Arena ... They recruited a stablemate named Genesis and a bodyguard named Church ... Active throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast this year ... Known as "Ramblin' Rich" ... Resembles Shawn Michaels except he chews his gum much harder.

357 DASH BENNETT

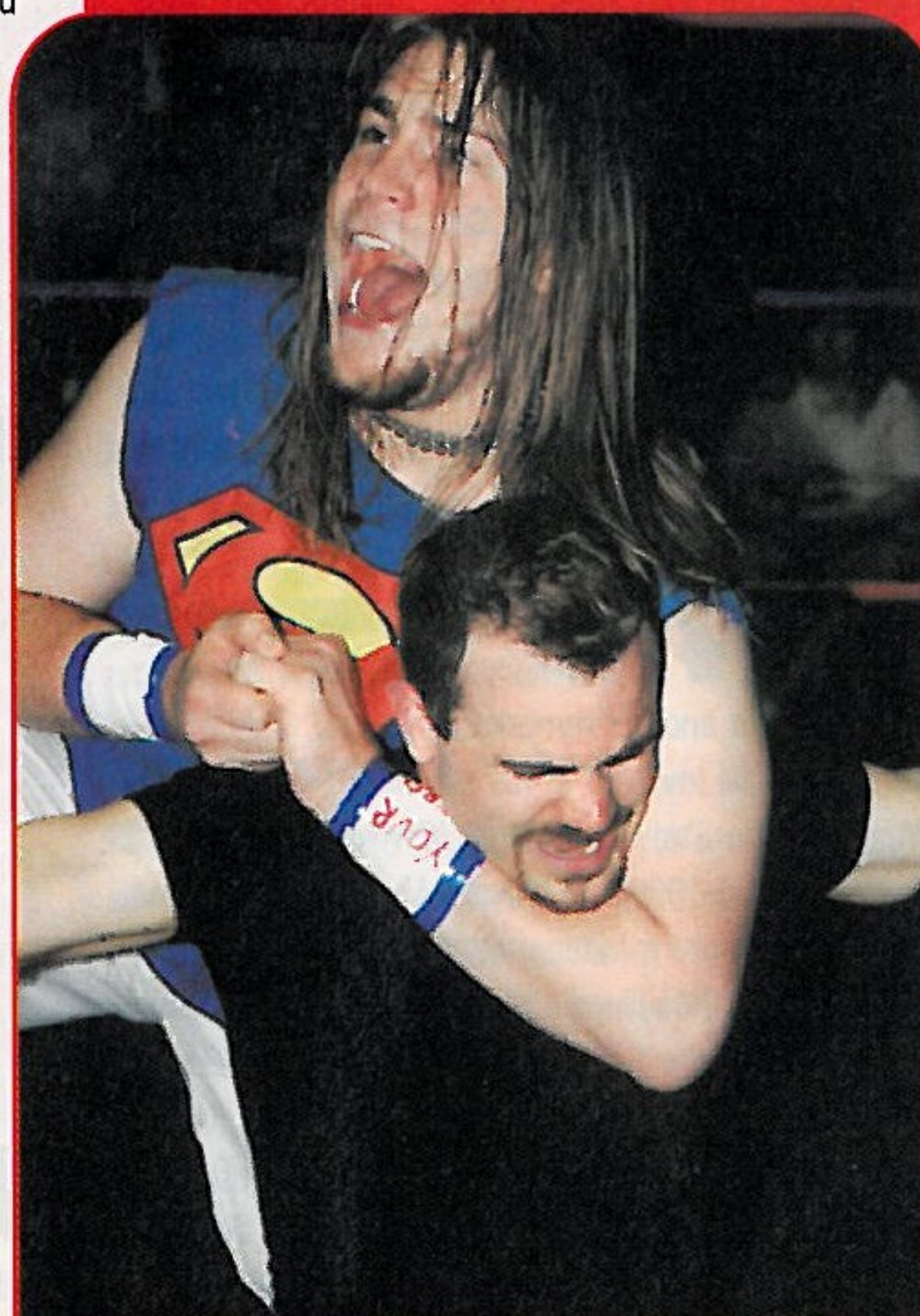
(6', 230, 2, NL) Teams with Daron Smythe in NWA East ... They are members of the New Era Horsemen with Jimmy Anjel and founder Paul Atlas ... Replaced the ousted Dale Price in the group ... Bennett and Smythe, also known as The Premier Players, won the CWF Mon-Valley and NLW tag team championships this year ... Held the NWA Three Rivers title and the Tristate TV belt ... Added the belly-to-belly suplex to his repertoire.

358 ADRIAN LYNCH

(6'2", 251, 6, NL) The current Steel Domain TV and NWA Wisconsin State champion ... Co-holder of the ACW tag team title with Kujo ... Recent opponents include Jerry Lynn, King Kong Bundy, Haku, The Harris Boys, Jim Duggan, and Gangrel ... Has teamed with Jerry Lawler on occasion ... NWA-TNA manager Mortimer Plumtree once guided his career ... Has lost 75 pounds since 1999 ... Born in the U.K. and raised in Chicago.

359 CHRIS HERO

(6'4", 250, 3, NL) One of the most popular stars in IWA Mid-South, along with Ian Rotten ... Blocked a fireball meant for Rotten's wife and was kicked out of The Super Heroes ... Lost a 55-minute tables and ladders match to C.M. Punk, but his Russian leg sweep off a nine-foot balcony and through two tables was the highlight of the night ... Teamed with fellow Midwesterners Punk and Colt Cabana to invade the East Coast and battle Mike Quackenbush, Don Montoya, and Reckless Youth ... Has toured Germany and Austria.



360 CHEETAH MASTER

(6'1", 221, 12, 371) Spent most of the year feuding with Prince Nana, Mr. Ooh La La, and Canadian independent standout Bobby Rude ... His bloody cage match against Nana in January almost ended his career ... Appeared as a security



guard on WWE television who wouldn't allow Stephanie McMahon access to the dressing room area ... Competes in the East Coast Wrestling Association and Pocono Championship Wrestling.

361 HOMICIDE

(6'4", 265, 11, NL) He and Rainman comprise Blackout, one of NWA Wildside's most dominant teams ... Originally hired by Caprice Coleman to eliminate Jimmy Rave ... Blackout formed an alliance with New Jack ... A three-time Wildside tag team champ ... Known as the "Urban Legend" ... His finishing maneuver is the zoolander, a backdrop driver into a bulldog ... Tied Tank to a sports utility vehicle and attempted to drag him down the interstate ... That's why they call him Homicide.

362 EARL THE PEARL

(5'10", 205, 7, 434) Teams with Rich Myers ... They are known as The Holy Rollers ... He and Myers lost the Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team title to Joey Matthews and Christian York on November 3 ... Fired manager

Platinum Nat ... Recruited Genesis as a stablemate and the massive Church as a bodyguard ... Competes throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast ... Spokesman for the Holly Rollers squad ... The Rollers are developing a cult following, despite their dirty tactics.

363 SUPERSTAR STEVE

(6'1", 215, 2, 495) After graduating from The Harley Race Academy in less than three months, Superstar Steve was immediately recruited by Johnny Gold of The Gold Exchange and paired with Matt Murphy ... He and Murphy became the first World League Wrestling tag team champions by defeating former WCW World tag team champions Ron and Don Harris on August 1, 2001 ... Teamed with 2 Cold Scorpio and Vader during a tour with Pro Wrestling NOAH ... Pays homage to Harley Race by using a headbutt from the top rope as his finishing move.

364 ROBIN KNIGHT-WING

(5'8", 227, 3, NL) Won the Apocalypse Wrestling Federation title this year ... Wrestled 17 days straight to become the AWF Iron Man champion ... Featured on the pay-per-view season finale of The Naked News, which is exactly what it suggests ... Feuded with his brother, Joey Knight, all year ... Wrestled Paul Tyrell in a series of matches while in England ... Trained in the Hart "Dungeon" before honing his skills with the AWF's Ron Hutchinson ... His signature maneuver is the gigolo-plex ... Calls himself the "Sexy Monkey."

365 RIKKI NELSON

(5'11", 227, 16, NL) Vacated the Mid-Atlantic junior heavyweight title after capturing the Mid-Atlantic heavyweight championship ... Targets Buff Bagwell whenever the former WCW star signs for Mid-Atlantic show ... Has teamed with Bobby Eaton regularly during the past two years ... Pushed a young Rob Van Dam to the limit a decade ago.

366 DINO DIVINE

(6'1", 255, 3, 384) Co-holder of the Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team title with Chad Bowman ... They beat Joey Matthews and Christian York for the belts ... Now calls himself "Lunchbox" ... This burly thug is showing his fun-loving side as of late ... Refuses to speak and gestures in pantomime instead ... Allows Bowman to do all of his talking for him ... That's a big mistake.

367 SPYDER

(5'10", 225, 4, NL) Held the NWA North

American and Canadian titles this year ... Competes primarily in the Canadian Wrestling Federation, which promotes in Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba ... His title defenses have taken him throughout the NWA, however ... Feuding with Madman Martin and E.Z. Ryder ... His signature maneuvers include the T-bone suplex and tornado DDT.

368 BRYAN WENZEL

(6'2", 252, 3, 365) Formerly known as "Moondog" Wenzel ... Abandoned The Moondogs tag team to pursue a singles career ... Compared to a young Rhino ... Has wins over former NWA heavyweight champions Chris Candido and Steve Corino to his credit ... His favorite move is the beach blast, a spinning Rock bottom ... Nicknamed the "Raging Beast."

369 JOEY KNIGHT

(5'8", 185, 3, NL) Captured the Apocalypse Wrestling Federation title twice this year ... Feuded with his brother, Robin Knightwing, all year ... Battled Guy Thunder while in England ... Trained in the Hart "Dungeon" and by the AWF's Ron Hutchinson ... The tornado DDT is his signature maneuver ... Managed by Jason Sensation, the notorious impersonator of Owen Hart.



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370 BRUNO SASSI (5'11", 239, 13, NL) His career in Florida's Future of Wrestling received a boost when he won the fifth annual "Table Elimination Deathmatch" ... Captured the International title from longtime champ Dave Johnson the following month ... Has successfully defended his belt against Barry Horowitz, Mike Graham, Christopher Daniels, and Steve Keirn.



371 BILLY BAX (5'10", 205, 2, NL) Doesn't like it when fans ridicule his red hair and call him "Opie" ... A mainstay in the East Coast Wrestling Association, where he has wrestled Crowbar, Red, Mike Kruel, and others ... A member of The Smooth Criminals in the Premier Wrestling Federation ... Battled Striker, Tony Kozina, and Quiet Storm in that promotion ... Has held the PWF junior heavyweight and IWA light heavyweight titles.

372 JUDAS YOUNG (5'9", 176, 4, 379) Wrestled in WWE dark matches this year in addition to appearing in bar-room segments ... Honed his skills at Les Thatcher's school and appeared on HWA shows ... Battled a large number of former ECW stars, including Jerry Lynn, Little Guido Maritato, Mikey Whipwreck, Chris Chetti, Julio Dinero, Danny Doring, Joey Matthews, and Christian York ... Sustained a shoulder injury during a World Xtreme Wrestling show in Allentown,

Pennsylvania, and later underwent surgery ... Had a long-running feud with Dave Greco over the Jersey Championship Wrestling light heavyweight title ... Wants to prove punk's not dead ... The simplicity of his pet hold, the armbar, gets a loud reaction at the Queens Elks Lodge.

373 BROCK SINGLETON (6'3", 265, 2, NL) Reconciled with his valet, Sasha, and formed Zero Tolerance with Mason Hunter ... They won the Allied Powers Wrestling Federation tag team title ... Lost the Mason-Dixon title in a unification match to NWA Tri-State champ Magnum ... Finished 2001 with a singles record of 19-10-1 ... Won two New York State titles during his amateur wrestling career at West Point, and *Amateur Wrestling News* ranked him 10th in the U.S. during his senior year ... Served in the U.S. Army and even conducted memorial services for America's fallen heroes at Arlington Cemetery.

374 STRIKER (5'10", 215, 3, NL) Trained by Johnny Rodz ... Teams with Buck Wylde in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... They are popular with the ladies because of their model-quality good looks ... Also competes in the PWF, WUW, JAPW, and other Northeast promotions ... Feuded with Crowbar, Xavier, Billy Bax, and Little Guido Maritato ... Appeared in a commercial for King of the Ring ... Pet finisher is the happy monkey ... Hometown is Queens, New York.

375 Z-BARR (5'11", 210, 3, NL) Considered an old-school wrestler, despite his snazzy name ... Takes risks when necessary ... His finisher is the fluff, a version of Reno's roll of the dice ... Voted Combat Zone Wrestling's Most Hated Wrestler ... Has struggled a bit this year ... Teams with Nick Berk ... Competes in various promotions throughout the New Jersey-Philadelphia area.

376 J.P. BLACK (6', 235, 3, NL) Feuding with Sledge in New Breed Wrestling and Mike Anthony in NWA Southwest ... Competes throughout the Northeast, Florida, and Texas ... His signature hold is the Texas cloverleaf ... Nicknamed the "Dark Pony" ... Teams with Danger in the Northeast and Mike Thunder in Texas ... Lacerated his left kidney and needed two months to recuperate ... Won the NWA Texas State title ... A former World of Hurt, New Millennium

Wrestling, and Tri State Wrestling heavyweight champ.

377 JOEY CORMAN (5'6", 170, 3, 446) Feuded off and on with frequent tag team partner Samir throughout Texas ... Sometimes ventures to Pennsylvania to wrestle for Hardway Wrestling, the International Wrestling Cartel, and Combat Zone Wrestling ... Also competes in Florida's IPW and Pensacola Wrestling Alliance ... Teams with Jacey North in the Sunshine State ... His finishing move is the 450 splash ... Calls himself "Playboy" ... A former NWA Southwest junior heavyweight champion.

378 2-DOPE (5'11", 215, 4, 361) Parted with partner Sydeswyte to pursue a singles career for part of the year ... Defeated Marcus Jordan for the MCW Rage TV title on November 9 ... Lost the belt back to Jordan only one day later ... He and Sydeswyte re-formed The Ghetto Mafia ... Sydeswyte turned against 2-Dope and joined Doug Delicious and Miss Vanessa in Models Inc.

379 RICK MICHAELS (6'1", 234, 11, NL) Split with his longtime partner, David Young, with whom he had won four NWA tag team titles ... Defeated Scottie Wren for the NWA Wildside title in October ... Lost the belt to A.J. Styles two months later ... Competed on WWE shows ... His finishing move is the double-shot, which can be described as a facebuster/neckbreaker combo.



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380 EDDIE WATTS (5'10", 236, 16, NL) Held the World Wrestling Council tag team title with Rico Suave in Puerto Rico ... Battled Johnny Swinger in Winnipeg's No Holds Barred Wrestling ... Feuding with Mad Man Martin in Real Action Wrestling, based on Canada's Atlantic Coast ... Competed in Stampede Wrestling and Vancouver All-Star Wrestling in the 1980s ... Has also competed in Mexico and Japan.

381 HARDCORE KIDD (6'6", 235, 7, 356) The top contender for Tom Howard's Ultimate Pro title ... Managed by El Jefe ... Missed part of the year due to major back surgery ... Feuding with Al Katrazz ... A member of Hardcore Inc. ... He and Adam Pearce engaged in a series of matches with Frankie Kazarian and Nova ... Hardcore Inc. also wrestled The Road Warriors this year ... A multi-time UPW tag team champion, along with partners Pearce, Just Insane, Nova, and Kid Vicious ... Utilizes a Lucha Libre style.

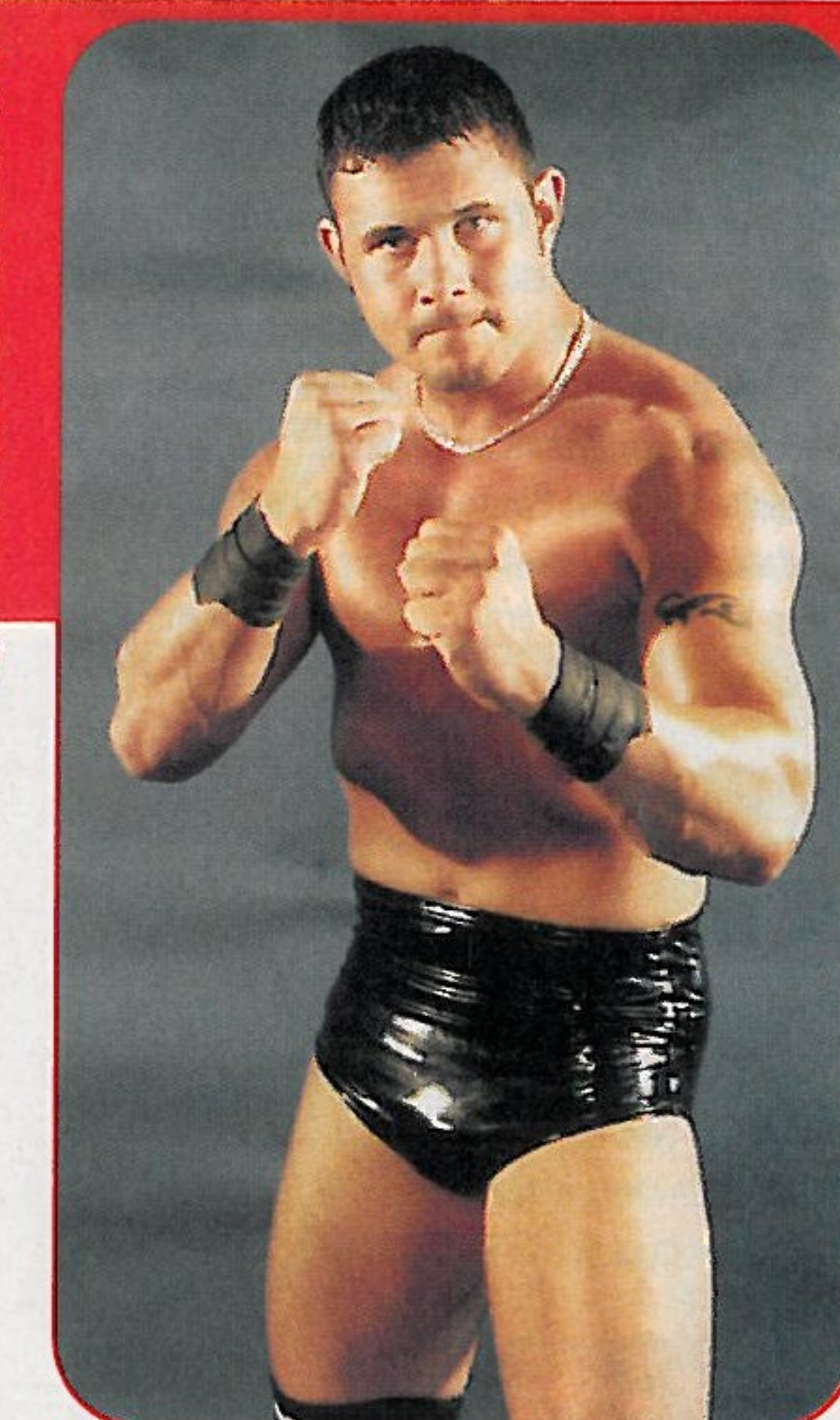
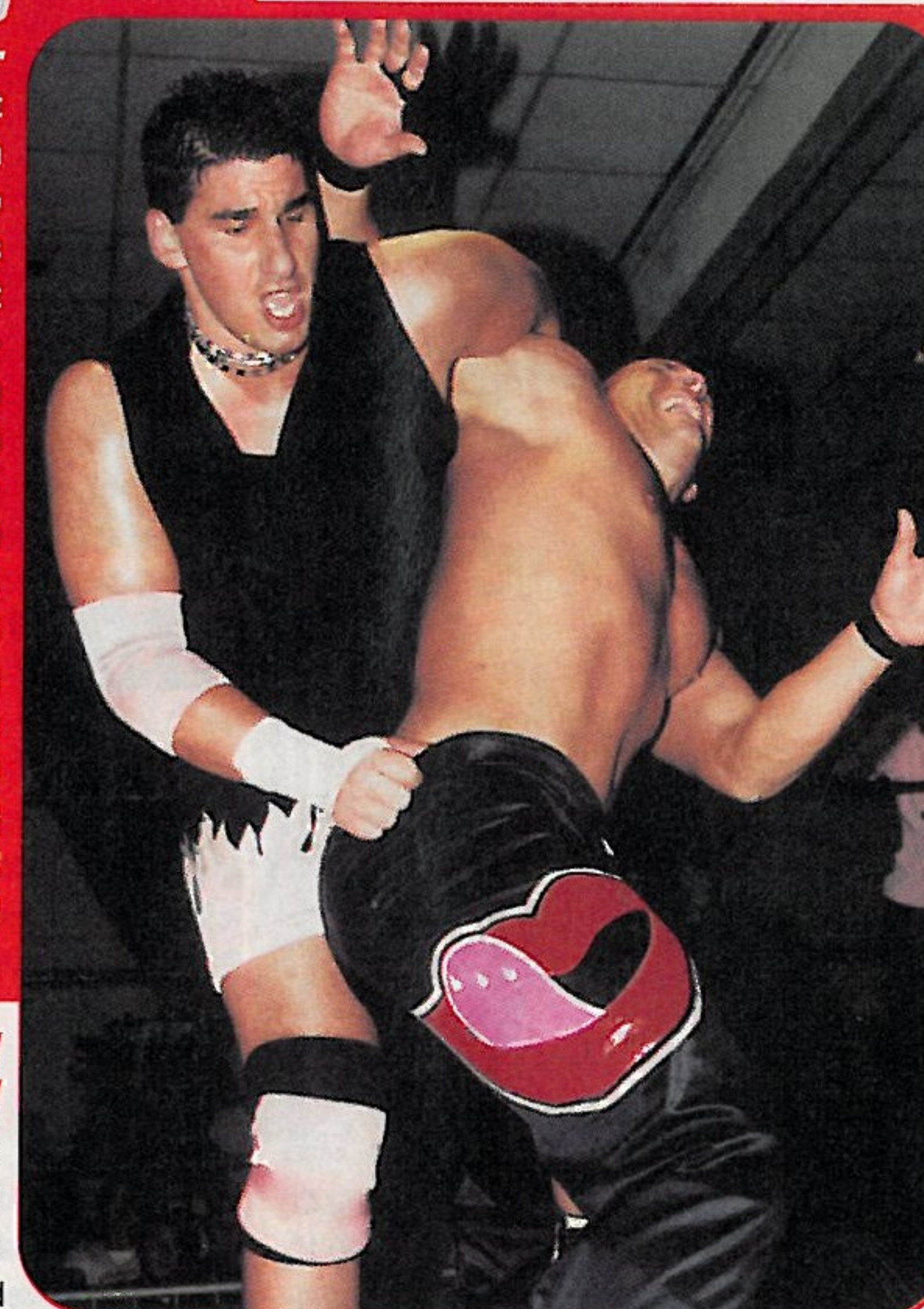
382 ROMEO VALENTINO (6'2", 227, 11, NL) Spent much of the year feuding with his former partner, Ronnie Zuko ... Won possession of Zuko's girlfriend, Candie, as the result of a prematch stipulation ... Recruited Tara to keep an eye on Candie ... Beat Marcus Jordan for the MCW Rage TV title, forcing "The Supermodel" to retire due to another prematch stip ... Persuaded Candie to turn against Zuko, and to stay with him full-time ... Known as "The Cornerstone" ... The only wrestler to hold the Maryland Championship Wrestling heavyweight, tag team, and Rage TV titles.

383 ADAM FLASH (5'11", 205, 10, NL) Competes throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast ... Unsuccessful in his attempts to regain the Maryland Championship Wrestling title from The Bruiser ... Scored a clean pinfall over Eddie Guerrero in January ... No longer cares about the fans ... Qualified for the Shane Shamrock Memorial Cup this year, but failed to win the six-way elimination match final ... His finisher is the Seattle grunge plunge, a legdrop off the top rope.

384 TOMMY DRAKE (6'4", 245, 1, NL) His best performance of the past year was against Pro Wrestling NOAH's Bison Smith at a Big Time Wrestling card in California ... Competes in Pro Wrestling Iron and Ultimate Pro Wrestling ... His finisher is a cobra clutch that he turns into a sitting neckbreaker ... Trained by Michael Modest and Donovan Morgan ... His most famous opponent has been Juventud Guerrera.

385 ORLANDO JORDAN (6'2", 230, 4, NL) Known as "The Policy" ... Brother of Marcus Jordan ... Trained with Rocky Johnson in Florida and, occasionally, with The Rock ... Returned to Maryland Championship Wrestling for a brief while and defeated The Bruiser for the heavyweight title ... Lost the belt back to The Bruiser ... Competed in California's Urban Wrestling Alliance in the past.

386 SEAN STYLEZ (6'2", 265, 5, NL) Bloodied and beaten by Russian star Nikita Allanov in the final of a best-



unify that title with his own NWA No Barriers championship ... Last ranked in the 1999 "PW 500."

387 JAGUAR VIJAY SINGH (6'2", 270, 4, NL) A two-time Apocalypse Wrestling Federation champion ... Amazingly agile for a big man ... His moves include the power bomb, the frankensteiner, and a somersault vault to the arena floor ... Suffered a broken hand in late-2001, but that slowed him down for only a few weeks ... Earned designation as a chartered accountant this year ... Hails from Calcutta, India.

388 DANNY ROSE (5'11", 247, 6, 430) Finally settled his issues with Adam Flash, allowing them to team more often ... Competes throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic region ... Enjoyed most of his recent success in Combat Zone Wrestling with Flash ... Known as "Doomsday" Danny ... A fine tag team wrestler ... His finisher is the tough enough driver ... Completely recovered from the separated left shoulder and sprained right ankle he suffered last year.

389 SMELLY (6', 208, 3, 377) Whipped himself into great shape this year ... Competes in the international juniors division of California's Ultimate Pro Wrestling and Japan's Zero-One ... Jack Bull, Al Katrazz, and Sculu are among his rivals ... Added the pooper scooper, a modified power bomb, to his repertoire ... He and Christopher Daniels are the only men to have held the Ultimate Pro title on two occasions.

of-three series for the NWA brass knuckles title ... His gutsy performance and his defense of America boosted his standing in NWA East ... Acts quite different in NEPW, where he was fired from his commissioner's post due to his power-drunk tactics ... Defeated No Barriers Wrestling champion J-Ru to

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390 TERRY ALAN (6', 206, 6, NL) The Classic Wrestling Alliance champion ... His mentor, Jimmy Valiant, is the top contender to his title ... "T.A.," Valiant, and Tommy Green are defending the CWA against an invasion by the Dawghouse Wrestling Alliance ... The feud is especially personal between Alan and DWA leader Maddawg ... Competes mainly in Kentucky ... Known as "Terrific" Terry ... A native of Wetumpka, Alabama.

391 PIRANAH (6'3", 256, 5, 380) Hasn't been a major factor in the Northern Championship Wrestling title picture since Cobra screwed him out of the Quebec title ... Also wrestled for the Apocalypse Wrestling Federation in Toronto ... May challenge his best friend, Jackal, for the Quebec belt ... Lost to Iceman in his retirement match at ChallengeMania 10, just as he had done against Golem at ChallengeMania 8.

392 LARRY DESTINY (6'3", 240, 6, NL) Still a Border City Wrestling favorite ... A high-flying technician ... His finisher is an inverted pedigree ... Has competed for the Global Wrestling Alliance ... A former BCW TV champ ... Resides in Windsor, Ontario ... Wants a shot at Border City heavyweight champion Johnny Swinger ... Opposes The Syndicate.

393 HACK MYERS (6'2", 241, 12, NL) Calls himself the "Extreme Shah" ... Held the Future of Wrestling tag team title with Dave Johnson ... Based in Florida ... Has also competed in Mexico, Peru, Canada, and Japan ... Managed by "Snakemaster" Abudadein ... His finisher is the piledriver ... Wants a shot at FOW champion Billy Fives ... Competed in ECW a few years ago.

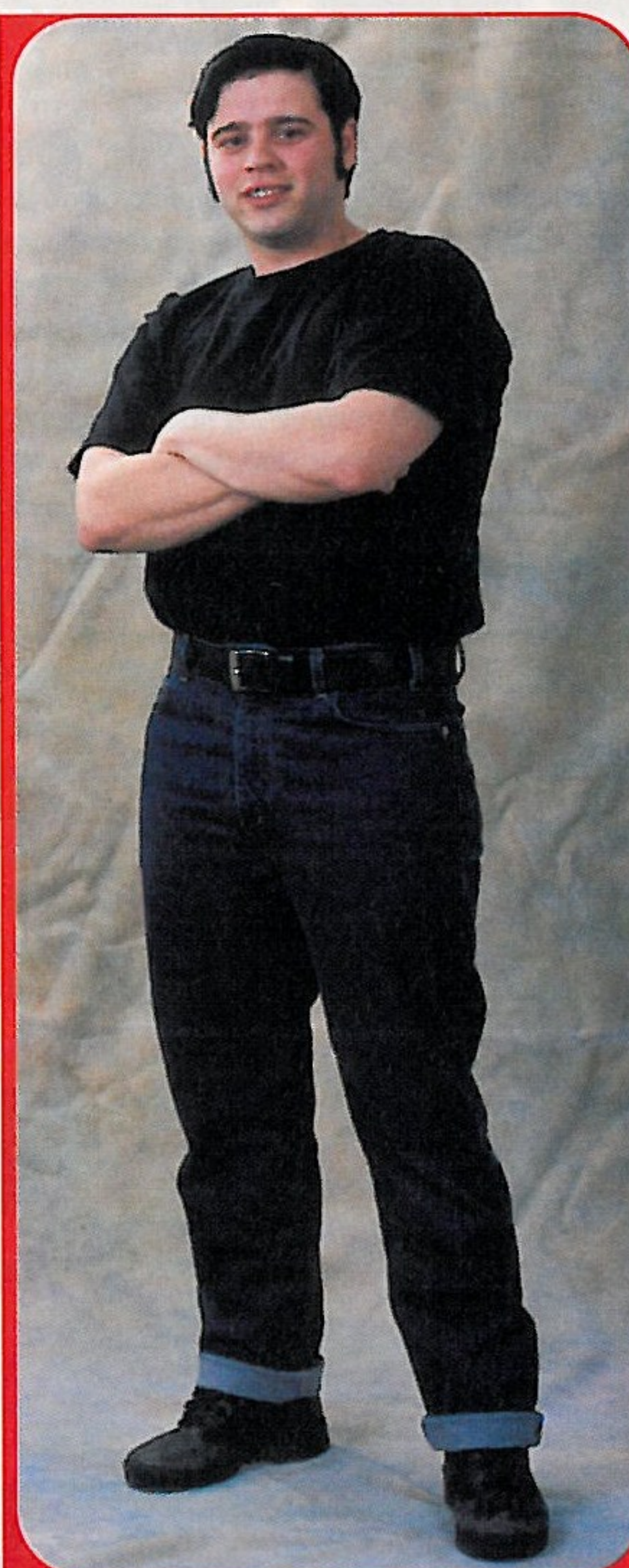


394 CREEPING DEATH (5'7", 200, 4, 397) He and his brother, Rage, are the Sovereign World Wrestling Alliance and Ringside Championship Wrestling Federation tag team champions ... Held the Allied Independent Wrestling Federation title for more than a year before the Disciples of Danzig put him out of action for eight weeks, causing a stress fracture to his left tibia ... Azrael won the belt as a result ...

Returned as a fan favorite with a martial arts flair ... Teaches the martial arts to children at a community center in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina ... His finishing hold is the *kobiyashi-maru*, a version of the Tazz-mission.

395 JARDI FRANTZ (5'9", 182, 4, 402) He and his brother, Miyaki, comprise the high-flying Kamikaze Kids ... The current All Pro Internet champion ... Toured with Pro Wrestling NOAH in Japan ... Has geared his game toward a more technical skill since that experience ... His finishing moves are the shooting star press and the 450 splash ... Based in California.

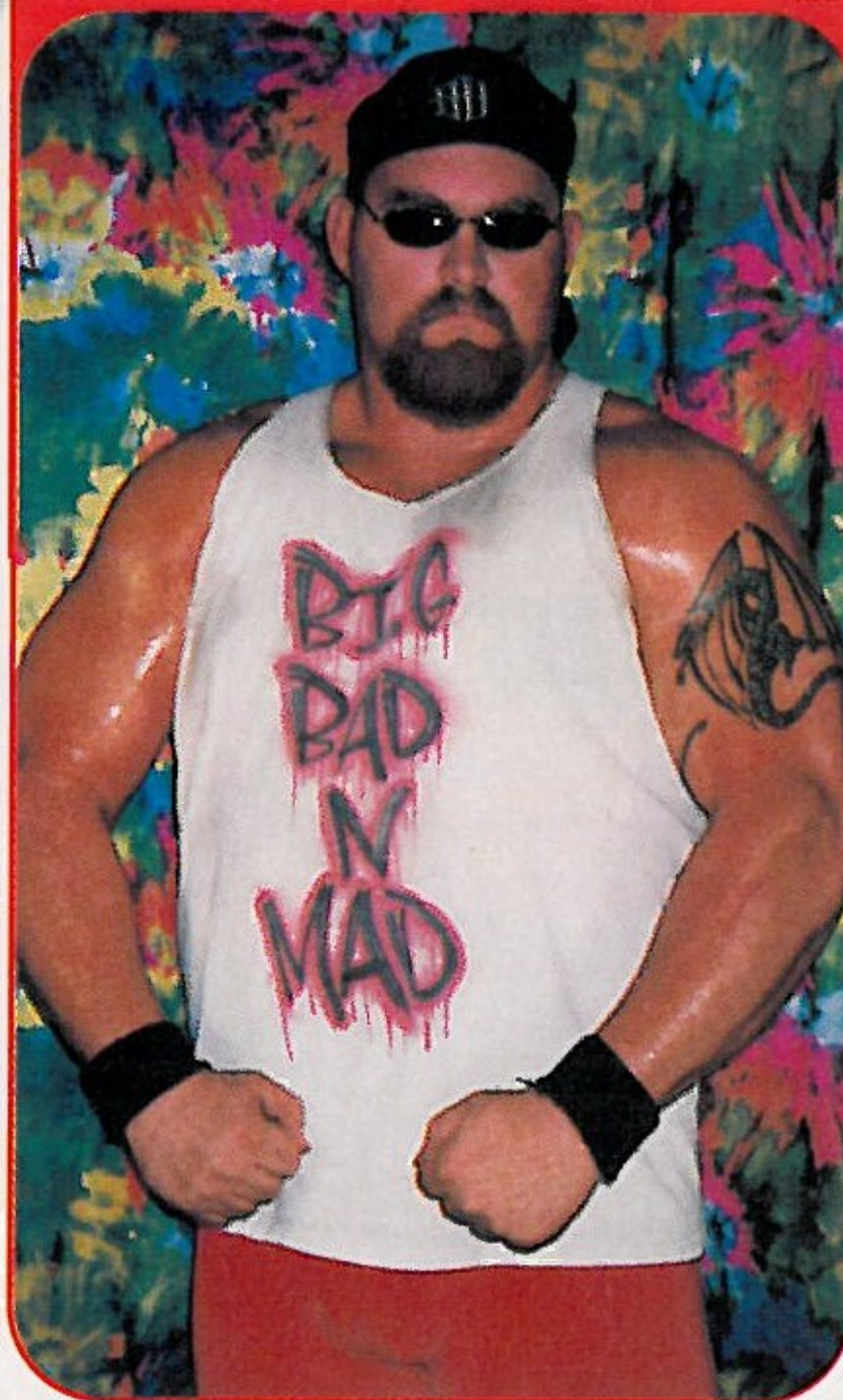
396 MARK MERCEDES (6'3", 309, 9, NL) Considered one of the top stars in Australia ... In the midst of his fifth reign as International Wrestling Australia champion ... Has also competed in New Zealand, New Caledonia, and Tahiti ... Received his initial training at the Malenko wrestling school ... Appeared on *WCW Worldwide* several years ago ... Wrestled Rick Martel on *Monday Nitro* in front of 40,000 fans at the Georgia Dome ... His finishing maneuver is the piledriver.



398 RONNIE ZUKKO (5'10", 205, 2, 441) Had a violent falling out with partner Romeo Valentino ... Lost the services of his girlfriend, Candie, to his ex-partner as well ... Won a battle royal for a shot at Maryland Championship Wrestling titleholder The Bruiser on May 22 ... Deemed unfit to wrestle in that match because The Bruiser T-boned before it could take place ... Still crying after Candie turned against him to stay with Valentino permanently ... Known as "Soda Pop."

399 DIRK CIGLAR (6', 215, 3, NL) Bulkied up with nearly 20 pounds of muscle ... Added a missile dropkick to his arsenal ... Defeated Frankie Kazarian and Nova this year ... Beat Crusher Hansen for the NWA Three Rivers title ... Broke his ankle at the beginning of a title defense against Cory K, but endured 10 minutes longer to defeat the 6'10" behemoth ... Had a falling out with partner Brandon K, but they reconciled a short time later.

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400 JAMES CHAMPAGNE (6'1", 228, 2, NL) Wrestled dozens of matches over 18 days as part of the Apocalypse Wrestling Federation's "Iron Man" competition in Toronto despite suffering a broken finger in the early going ... Captured the AWF title last September ... Dropkicks and monkey flips are staples of his repertoire ... Known as "Sparkling" James Champagne ... Gaining a cult following ... Quotes *Lifestyles Of The Rich And Famous* host Robin Leach with his catchphrase, "I wish you champagne wishes and caviar dreams!"

401 BRIAN ANTHONY (6', 205, 12, 405) Competes in the World Xtreme Wrestling, the Heartland Wrestling Association, Cleveland All Pro Wrestling, Phoenix Championship Wrestling, and several NWA territories ... Has also wrestled in tryout matches for ECW and dark matches for WWE ... Nicknamed "Bad Boy" ... Claims to be "the one your mother warned you about."

402 TIME BOMB (5'8", 205, 4, NL) This twisted guy claims to be a tormented soul who is looking for salvation through defeating his opponents and making them submit ... Frequently teams with Nigel McGuinness, but even he doesn't quite trust his partner ... Is a top contender to the HWA cruiserweight title currently held by B.J. Whitmer ... Calls his finisher the straight jacket, which might be more appropriately used if it was applied to him.

403 HELLRAISER HARK (6'3", 285, 8, NL) Competes in Texas and Oklahoma ... He and Brett Bonz comprise The Furious Faction ... Won the Texas Championship Wrestling title ... Rivals include Hotstuff Hernandez, The Blackbird Posse, Gary Tool, and Kevin Dark ... His signature move is a clothesline off the top rope ... Has also held the TCW tag team and NWA Southwest TV championships.



404 MIKE KRUEL (5'10", 210, 2, NL) Nicknames include "The Shooter" and "Modern-Day Warrior" ... Formerly known as Kid Krue ... Trained by his father, Bodyguard For Hire, a top indy wrestler in New York for several years ... Has won several New York state amateur wrestling championships ... Competes for promotions throughout the Northeast, including the East Coast Wrestling Association, Jersey All-Pro Wrestling, and USA Pro Wrestling ... Held the USA Pro tag team title with Little Guido Maritato ... His finisher is the Krue intentions armbar.

405 BOB EVANS (6'3", 240, 10, 440) Defeated "Slyk" Wagner Brown for the New England Championship Wrestling title ... Faced Aaron Stevens prior to a *Raw* broadcast at the Providence Civic Center in Rhode Island ... Feuded with Maverick Wild, Mike Hollow, and Alex Arion ... Also appears in the Elite Wrestling Alliance and, occasionally, the East Coast Wrestling Association ... His finishing maneuver is the ugly stick slamplex ... "Brutal" Bob is a former Green Mountain Wrestling champion.

406 HORSHU (6'5", 275, 6, 385) A major contender for Tom How-

ard's Ultimate Pro title ... Teams with Hollywood ... They feuded with Native Blood, and the team of Mike Modest and Donovan Morgan ... Known for his impressive conditioning and power ... Colorful on the microphone ... Toured Japan with Zero-One ... Under contract to WCW at one time.

407 BOBBY ROGERS (5'10", 260, 12, 420) Owner of Florida's Future of Wrestling ... Dating FOW valet

Jodi X ... Has established a love-hate relationship with FOW champion Billy Fives during the year ... Turned pro at the young age of 16 after training with former WWWF and NWA World champion Buddy Rogers ... This is the guy who started a worldwide controversy by trying to sell his kidney on eBay.

408 GIANT SINGH (7'2", 400, 1, NL) A member of Team 2000 in New Japan ... This behemoth had battled Michael Modest and Donovan Morgan many times ... Also competes in California's Pro Wrestling Iron ... Tours Mexico on occasion ... A native of India ... Surprisingly agile for such a giant ... Got his start in All Pro Wrestling.

409 J-ROCC (6', 232, 3, 396) Teamed with Julio Dinero to defeat Chris Hamrick and Konnan ... Lost the NEPW triple crown to Hamrick inside a steel cage the following night ... Debuted for NWA Tri-State in April ... Lost a close one to NWA Tri-State champion Magnum ... Also debuted for Wrestling All-Star Promotions in April ... Defeated Chris Kohl and Aero to win a four-man tournament and thus become the first WASP champion on June 9 ... His finisher is the one-hitter quitter ... Calls himself the "Big Daddy Of Destruction."

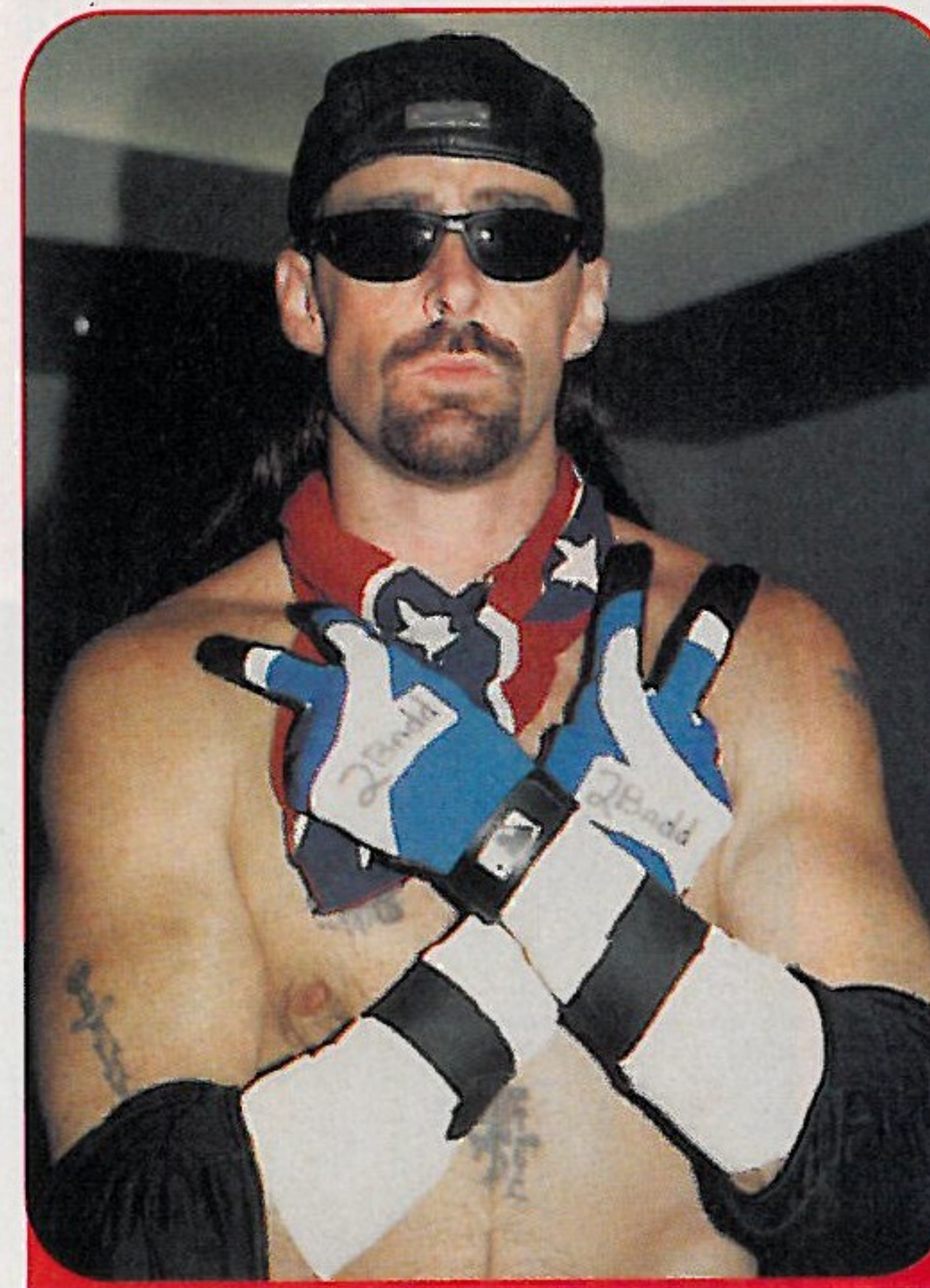
410 ERIC EVERLAST (6'4", 245, 3, NL) Competes throughout New England in promotions such as New Millennium Wrestling, Tri State Wrestling, and World of Hurt Wrestling ... Held the NMW tag team title with Jason Atlas as The Natural Born Blondes, but Atlas later turned against him ... Calls himself the "Exceptional Icon" ... His primary finisher are The Ennihilator (a tilt-a-whirl powerslam) ... Must have adopted his other finishing move, the fameasser, during his match against Billy Gunn on *Jakked* ... Graduated from Killer Kowalski's wrestling school ... Trained in judo for four years and holds a third-degree black belt.

411 TEJAS (6'2", 270, 3, NL) This Native American competes throughout the Midwest and Texas ... Rivals include Black Bart, Bull Schmitt, The New Dr. X, Naughty By Nature, and The Blackbird Posse ... Teams with Kurt Reigns and Mace ... Wrestled Jake Roberts, who was managed by Slick ... Competes in WWE dark matches ... A former Texas Wrestling Association and Texas Championship Wrestling heavyweight titleholder.

412 THE CALIFORNIA KID (6'2", 225, 11, 455) Reigned as Independent Championship Wrestling titleholder throughout 2001-02 ... Known for arriving at indy shows in a stretch limousine ... Wrestles exclusively for ICW Pro Wrestling in southern Illinois ... Defeated arch-rival Jon Wright in a steel cage ... Now feuding with Moondog Star ... Borrowed two moves from Billy Gunn's playbook: the fameasser and the rocker dropper.



413 ABUNAI (5'3", 165, 4, NL) This masked star competes in the ECWA, ICW, and USA Pro Wrestling ... Rivals include Red the Maximo brothers, Low-Ki, Prince Nana, and The



415 JEFF HAMRICK (6', 230, 11, 438) Teams with Jeff Lewis in Omega Pro Wrestling ... His high-flying style complements Lewis' daredevil lucha libre approach ... Has also teamed with his cousin, Chris Hamrick, and A.J. Styles ... Competes primarily in North Carolina ... Recently opened his own training school.

416 BOBBY 2-BADD (6'4", 205, 3, NL) Won the 2002 Humble Rumble in Humble, Texas, to become the top contender to the Texas All-Star Wrestling title ... Defeated Mike Tatum in the title match ... Also competes in NWA Southwest ... Feuded with Mr. Mayhem and Hugh Rogue ... His finishing maneuver is the 2-Badd slam ... Co-holder of the Texas All-Star tag team championship with Seth Shai.

417 MAJOR HAVOC (6'2", 240, 8, 419) Won the Tristate Championship Wrestling title twice this year, and the RCW Mid-Atlantic belt two times ... Competes primarily in the AWF and its affiliates ... Had key victories over Poison, Scott Douglas, Sweet Daddy, Scorpion, and Azrael ... The Havoc cutter, actually a running diamond cutter, is his finisher ... Spent a considerable amount of time in the AWF's British affiliates.

418 MOZART FONTAINE (5'9", 201, 3, 432) Managed by E.S. Easton ... Held the ECWA Mid-Atlantic title for a year ... His most notable opponents were Crowbar and Gillberg ... Also wrestled Mr. Ooh La La, Benny Stoltzfus, Buck Wyld, and Ryan Wing ... Repaired his damaged relationship with Mr. Ooh La La ... One of the most hated men in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... Competes for Pennsylvania's Pocono Championship Wrestling on occasion.

419 THE BOUNCER (6', 285, 6, 395) A member of Club Xtreme, also comprised of Curt Fury and Ash ... Bouncer and Fury beat The Ruff Nexx for the CWA tag team title ... Also held the AIWA and NEPW tag team championships ... He and Fury were rivals by 2002 ... His finishers are a diving headbutt from the top rope and the happy hour, a fireman's carry into a Michinoku driver ... Competes in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Michigan.

Japanese Pool Boy ... Relies on speed to outmaneuver larger opponents ... Uses the springboard spinning DDT as his finishing move ... Trained by WWF Hall of Famer Johnny Rodz.

414 NOVA CAIN (6'2", 265, 3, 454) Doctors asked Cain to stop wrestling after he severely injured his right eye in August 2001 ... Returned anyway and teamed with his cousin, Blaze, to win the Northern Championship Wrestling tag team title ... Turned against Blaze after they lost the belts ... Took Farmer Joe under his wing, turned against him, and sent him into retirement ...

Teaming with Jagged, a referee-turned-wrestler, and they remain undefeated after five months ... Also competes in the Montreal Wrestling Federation, Canadian Championship Wrestling, and Lutte Lanaudiere.



420 ADAM JACOBS (5'9", 185, 5, 471) Lost the NWA Wildside TV title to Onyx in October ... Resumed the Suicidal Tendencies tag team with Jason Cross as part of Jeff G. Bailey's NWA Elite ... Known as the "Lumber Layer" ... Rumored to be a sleazy sexual deviant ... Stalked by Lazz, who was disguised as Britney Spears ... Battled Lazz at Wildside's "Hardcore Hell."

421 JACKAL (5'11", 211, 5, NL) Beat Franky the Mobster for the NCW Quebec title at ChallengeMania 10 ... Also won a tournament to become the Apocalypse Wrestling Federation champion in Toronto ... Also beat NCW's Iceman before his retirement ... Iceman has since "passed the torch" to Jackal ... Must brace for the challenges presented by several invading indy groups into NCW.

422 SPAZMAN ANTHONY (6', 243, 10, NL) Competes primarily in Maryland and West Virginia ... Beat former WWF World tag team champ Samu for the House of Pain Wrestling Federation title ... A rival of John Rambo ... His signature maneuver is the back spazm ... A former National Wrestling League champion ... Resides in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

423 AARON STEVENS (6'4", 237, 4, NL) Defeated Luis Ortiz for the Chaotic Wrestling title on May 18 ... Wrestled in a dark match prior to a *Raw* broadcast in

Providence, Rhode Island ... He teamed with Edward G. Xtasy to defeat Little Guido Maritato and Luis Ortiz for the Chaotic Wrestling tag team belts—his first championship—on October 13 of last year ... His finisher is the downer, a version of the famouser.

424 MARSHALL KNOX (6'3", 255, 3, NL) Teams with his cousin Mike Knox as The Urban Outlaws ... The Navajo Warrior and Ghostwalker, otherwise known as Native Blood, are their primary rivals ... A standout amateur wrestler in high school and a natural bodybuilder ... Reunited with cousin Mike at Ultimate University a couple of years ago.

425 ALEX ARION (5'9", 210, 3, 448) Engaged in an exciting series of matches against Shannon Moore in the Heartland Wrestling Association ... Returned from an ankle injury this year ... Forced Bob Evans to submit in an "I Quit" match ... Also feuded with Maverick Wild ... Competes primarily in New England ... Has held the Green Mountain tag team and TV titles ... Nickname is "The Golden Greek" ...

A double-jump flying bodypress and a splash from the top rope are his finishing moves ... Trained by Al Snow ... Claims that makes him tough enough.

426 BOOGALOU (5'8", 225, 5, NL) This former All-American amateur wrestling champ trained for the pros under Johnny Rodz ... Known for his vicious suplexes and excellent shootfighting skills ... Teams with Homicide as the Natural Born Sinners ... Made his reputation in bloody, violent feuds with Da Hit Squad and The Baldies ... Claims to now reside in Denton, Texas—in the abandoned house of the Von Erichs ... Has held several singles titles in the New York area, including WUW Continental and USA Pro New York State titles.



427 KEVIN KNIGHT (6'4", 240, 6, 416) Competes throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania in promotions such as the IWF, IWA, NWA Jersey, 3PW, and PWF Universal ... Teamed with Dylan Night to defeat The Damned for the Intercontinental Wrestling Alliance tag team title ... Teams with Biggie Biggs in the Independent Wrestling Federation ... Lost to some big-name stars throughout his career, including Larry Zbyszko, Nikolai Volkoff, and The Patriot.

428 E.Z. RYDER (5'10", 226, 12, NL) Defeated Juggernaut at last year's NWA anniversary show to claim the reinstated Canadian championship ... Re-formed a more dangerous version of the Seeds of Evil, complete with his wicked valet, Ginger Snaps ... Teams with Madman Martin ... Engaged in bloody battles with Baron Von Meanor, Spyder, and Dark Rain ... Competes primarily in the Canadian Wrestling Federation ... The sitting reverse armbar, spinning sideslam, and Boston crab are his finishers.

429 DEWEY CHEATUM (5'8", 160, 4, NL) Has a volatile relationship with his mentor, C.W. Anderson ... Pinned Anderson for his biggest victory of the year ... Competes primarily in Southern Championship Wrestling ... His favorite move is the Dewey driver ... Based in North Carolina ... Has held the SCW tag team and North Carolina State titles, in addition to the World Wrestling Organization and Atlantic Coast Championship Wrestling lightweight belts.

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430 SCAB (6'1", 210, 4, 412) He and Natrone Steele hold the Southern Championship Wrestling tag team title ... Competes primarily in the South, with occasional tours of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts ... Voted SCW tag team of the year with Dewey Cheatum ... The tornado bullfrog is his finisher ... A three-time former SCW heavyweight champ.

431 NORTON LEWIS (6'1", 318, 21, NL) Traded the UWF hardcore title with Manslaughter several times in 2001 ... Retired on October 13 ... Became a fan favorite commissioner until he formed The Brotherhood with his brother, Cruiser Lewis, along with Mack Truck, Deon Johnson, Smiley Robinson, and Shadow Jackson ... Norton and Cruiser beat and bloodied their nephew, Jeff Lewis ... The Brotherhood turned against Norton ... Accompanied by UWF ladies champion Summer Rain ... Calls himself "The Warlock" ... Began his career in Jim Crockett's Mid-Atlantic territory.

432 ROLLIN' HARD (6', 285, 5, NL) He and Mitch Page are the IWA Mid-South tag team champions ... They won the title in a tournament final over Todd Morton and Mitch Ryder, and have traded the belts with Ian and Axl Rotten since that time ... Now challenged by Ian Rotten and his new partner, Chris Hero ... Aiding manager Dave Prazak in his quest to drive all valets from the IWA ... Last ranked in the "PWI 500" in 1997 ... Known for his variety of afro wigs and claims to be "the food stamp champ."

433 BRAD MICHAELS (5'11", 180, 3, NL) Has competed in Bad Boys of Wrestling, Texas Outlaw Promotions, and Texas Championship Wrestling ... Even traveled to Pennsylvania, where he appeared in Combat Zone Wrestling ... Has sustained many injuries in a relatively brief career ... Called "Bad" Brad ... His toughest opponent is Dark Angel ... Uses either the piledriver or springboard DDT as his finisher ... Has held the Texas Championship Wrestling cruiserweight title.

434 HADRIAN (6'1", 230, 2, 485) Defeated Rob Eckos to win the vacant IWF American title on February 23 ... Teamed with Damian Adams to defeat Rapid Fire Maldonado and Allison Danger

for the Independent Wrestling Federation tag team title ... They lost the belts to Biggie Biggs and Rob Eckos ... His finishing move is the trident, a full-nelson slam ... Managed by Mike Winner and a member of the Winner's Circle ... Hails from the Greek Isles ... Competes throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

435 CHRIS SABIN (6', 215, 2, NL) Competes in Ontario, Ohio, Michigan, and Florida ... The current NWA Great Lakes champion ... Nicknamed "The Future" ... A standout graduate of Scott D'Amore's Can-Am Wrestling School in Windsor, Ontario ... Known for his adaptability in the ring ... Resides in Pickney, Michigan ... Expected to be a major factor in Border City Wrestling in the coming year.

436 CRUSHER HANSEN (6'1", 260, 6, 392) No longer has a referee's license to officiate his own matches ... Now brings a noose to the ring to lynch his enemies! ... Acquired Damien Stockholm as his new manager ... Defeated Brandon K for the NWA East Triple Crown in November ... Stole the NWA North American title belt from Quinn Magnum, igniting a brutal feud ... Added the lariat to his arsenal, still claiming that he's related to Stan Hansen ... Revived the Garvin stomp this year.



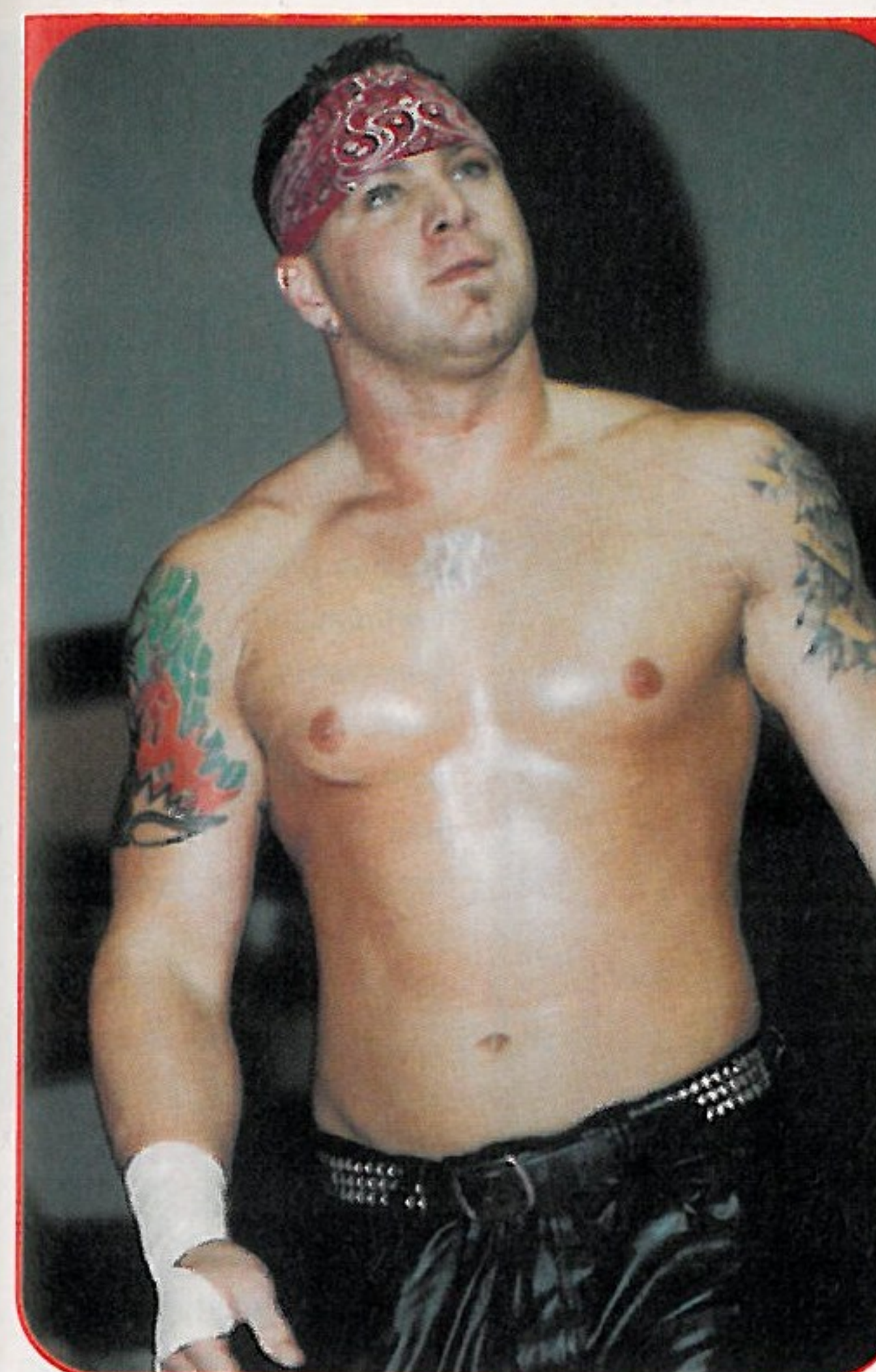
437 ARCH KINCAID (6'1", 226, 2, NL) "The Intellectual" wanted to be known as the "Sexual Intellectual" after whipping the backside of Dukes Dalton's manager, Brittany Summer, with a leather belt ... Battled Christopher Nowinski in a weapons match in January ... Managed by the exotic Cherry Payne ... Lost a hard-fought match against Jimmy Snuka ... His finishing maneuver is the Kin-cussion, a reverse neckbreaker.

438 NORMAN THARX (6'2", 185, 4, NL) The current CEW North Atlantic champion ... Also held the Cutting Edge Wrestling tag team title with Magnus as The Flamboyant Vigilantes ... Calls himself "Nearly God" ... His finishing maneuver is the "Godsmack," a version of the flatliner ... Competes in Newfoundland ... Formerly known as the masked Dante the Possessor.

439 JOHNNY MAXX (6'4", 225, 3, NL) A fan favorite in the East Coast Wrestling Association and Pocono Championship Wrestling ... Defeated The Japanese Pool Boy in a coal miner's glove match ... Rivals include Prince Nana, Inferno, Mr. Ooh La La, Mozart Fontaine, Billy Bax, J.J. Johnston, and Ryan Wing ... Aligned with Thunder, Buck Wyld, and Vince Goodnite ... The maximum overdrive is his finisher.

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Trained in the North American style by Leo Burke and the Japanese style by Rick Titan.



443 MATT VANDAL (6'3", 270, 2, NL) Competes in Phoenix Championship Wrestling, Cleveland All Pro Wrestling, and the ECWA ... Considered PCW's hottest young star because of his size and power ... Defeated Julio Dinero at a PCW show in Tom's River, New Jersey ... His finisher is the "too hard to Handel" power bomb ... Resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

444 STAN SIERRA (6'5", 265, 4, NL) Defeated Brock Landers for the HCW title in October 2001 ... Clotheslined Landers' girlfriend, who happened to be taking pictures with the fans ... Has dominated Landers in the ensuing feud ... Changed his nickname from the "Southern Outlaw" to "Sexy" after becoming more aggressive ... Has incorporated the ropes into his offense more this year ... The most dangerous man in HCW ... Also feuding with John Grizzly.

445 SEAN LEI (5'9", 200, 3, NL) Defeated arch-rival Steve Perez for the Virginia Championship Wrestling cruiserweight title ... Co-holder of the Danger Zone Wrestling and Global Wrestling Alliance tag team championships with Sonjay Dutt ... Accompanied by the lovely Lilly ... Stuns opponents with martial arts chops and kicks ... Lost a hard-fought match to KYDA Pro champion Brock Singleton at the first annual Howard "Bronco" Leshin Memorial Show ... Competes throughout the Mid-Atlantic ... Scored an upset victory over Chilly Willy.

440 CRUIZER LEWIS (6', 268, 14, NL) Competes in the United Wrestling Federation, which promotes throughout the Carolinas ... He and his brother, Norton, have won 39 indy tag team titles in eight years ... Sadly, Cruiser and Mack Truck conspired to turn against Norton ... Won the UWF title twice this year ... Cruiser and Truck have formed the New Brotherhood with Viper and Nighthawk.

441 FRANKY THE MOBSTER (6'1", 206, 6, NL) Lost the NCW Quebec title to Jackal at ChallengeMania 10 ... Had forged an alliance with NCW President Ben the King to protect his belt ... Held the CCW strap in Quebec City ... Also wrestled for the Apocalypse Wrestling Federation in Toronto ... Wants a rematch with Quebec champ Jackal.

442 JOHNNY HANDSOME (5'9", 228, 2, NL) One-half of The Chemical Cowboys ... They lost the WCEW tag team title to Dr. Luther and Juggernaut this year ... Involved in competitive bodybuilding for five years ... Placed first with a perfect score among light heavyweights at the 2000 Alberta Bodybuilding Championships and did the same at the 1999 Southern Alberta Bodybuilding Championships ... Has trained for pro wrestling in all the great haunts, from Stu Hart's "Dungeon" to Bret Hart's house ...

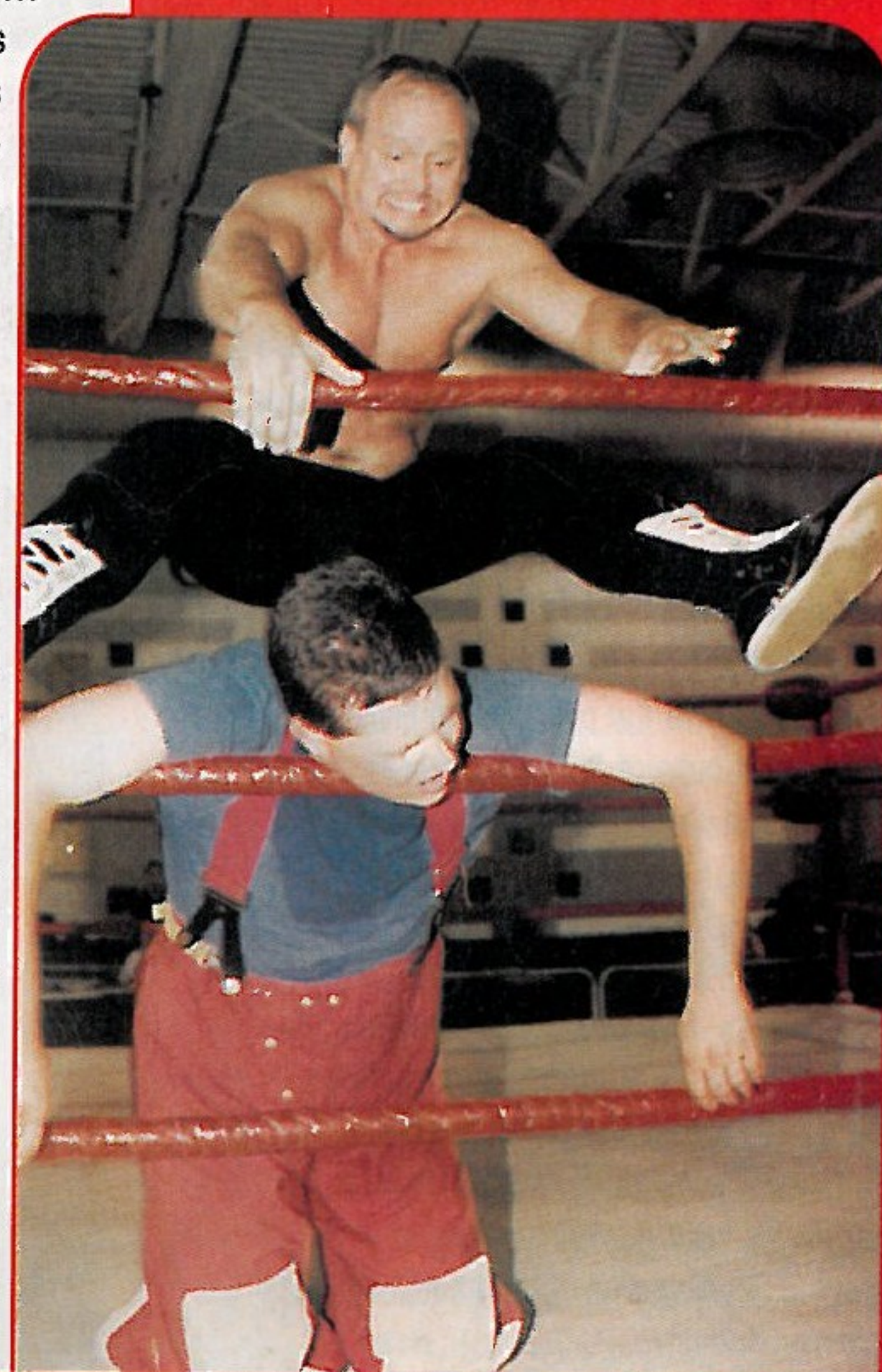
446 CASH FLO (6'4", 250, 4, NL) This cocky star beat his trainer, Ian Rotten, to capture the IWA Mid-South title ... Joined the heel clique of Rollin Hard, Mitch Page, and Dave Prazak ... Teamed with Rotten to defeat Hard and Page for the IWA Mid-South tag team belts in Indianapolis, but attacked his mentor immediately after ... Rotten defeated Cash for the right to name a new championship partner ... Can fly 16 feet across the ring to deliver the Alabama jam and flies past the center of the ring with his 450 splash.

447 DAVID LEE GILBERT (5'6", 195, 7, 422) Spent most of the year feuding with "Dig Dogg" Butch Sawyer ... Competes

throughout the Mid-Atlantic ... His signature move is the famouser ... Calls himself "Simply Wonderful" ... Voted the United States Wrestling Federation's Wrestler of the Year ... He was the very first UAWF champion ... Has also held the USWF, SCW, NAWA, and CWA cruiserweight titles, in addition to the Virginia light heavyweight belt.

448 POISON (5'10", 220, 8, 418) Competed primarily in AWF affiliates this year ... Defeated Major Havoc for the Tristate Championship Wrestling title ... Won the BRAWL championship twice, defeating Bodycount and Great Scott, respectively ... Wrestled in Britain's first-ever death match against CZW's John Zandig ... Wrestled Bodycount in a series of matches while on tour of the United Arab Emirates ... His finishing maneuver is the toxic shock, an airplane spin into a facebuster.

449 JOHNNY GRAHAM (5'10", 220, 15, 433) Has held several titles this year, including the World Star Wrestling cruiserweight and Trans-World Wrestling Alliance U.S. belts ... Also held the All-American Wrestling Federation tag team championship with Jessie Bell, and the Championship Pro Wrestling tag title, once with Major Mayhem and again with Zubov ... Competes throughout the Northeast ... Feuding with J-Money and Shane Shadows ... His finishing maneuver is the Graham cracker ... Trained by Lars Anderson.



450 RUFFHOUSE RIVERA

(5'10", 205, 20, 425) Decided to change his name from The Persian Prince to Ruffhouse Rivera following the September 11 terrorist attacks ... Running "ruff-shod" through the East Coast Wrestling Association with his fellow thugs, Ryan Wing and Inferno ... Celebrating his 20th year in the promotion ... Lost a match to Jeff Peterson, who had just returned following a bout with cancer. Unfortunately, Peterson's cancer returned just a few weeks later ... Feuding with Cheetah Master and Johnny Maxx.

451 THE CODFATHER

(6', 223, 2, NL) Enters the ring wearing full fishing gear ... Competes in Ontario's Apocalypse Wrestling Federation and on Canada's Atlantic coast ... Trained by Ron Hutchinson ... His finishing hold is a leglock called the lobster trap ... Considers himself "a high-flyin', profilin', fish-stickin', cod-jiggin' son of a Grand Banks fisherman" ... Ric Flair could not be reached for comment.

452 SHAWN CHRISTOPHER

(5'9", 224, 7, 442) Held the HCW tag team title with Ric Gunner from June 2001 until March 2002 ... Has acted childish since losing to Gunner in a tournament semifinal to determine the top contender to the HCW heavyweight belt ... Feuding with The Louisville Mugger and Big Boss Country ... Added some muscle over the past few months ... The most colorful man in HCW ... Now insists on being called "Showtime" ... Uses the superkick ... Based in Kentucky.

453 FLEX FENOM

(5'10", 220, 3, 467) Touts himself as "half-man, half-amazing" ... Teamed with Aidian against John Rambo and Headshrinker Samu in a weapons match that was considered by many who watch him regularly to be his best performance of the year ... He and Aidian are now pursuing National Wrestling League tag team champions Jack Hammer and Latin Tornado ... His finisher is the phenomenal Flex-plex ... Won the unified House of Pain Wrestling Federation/NWL cruiserweight championship twice.

454 LESLIE LEATHERMAN

(6'4", 305, 3, NL) Teamed with Jake Davis to defeat Flex Fenom and Aidian for the National Wrestling League tag team title on February 3 in Keyser, West Virginia ... Also competes in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Delaware ... His signature maneuver is the sidewalk slam ... Feuding with NWL heavyweight champion Spazman Anthony.

455 DAVE JOHNSON

(6'2", 252, 14, 413) A top brawler in Florida's Future of Wrestling ... Defeated stars such as The Sandman, Terry Funk, Jerry Lawler,



titles in the NWA, including the Mid-South and Mississippi State titles ... Has battled Southern legends such as Tommy Rich, Doug Gilbert, Bill Dundee, and Brickhouse Brown.

457 R O B ECKOS

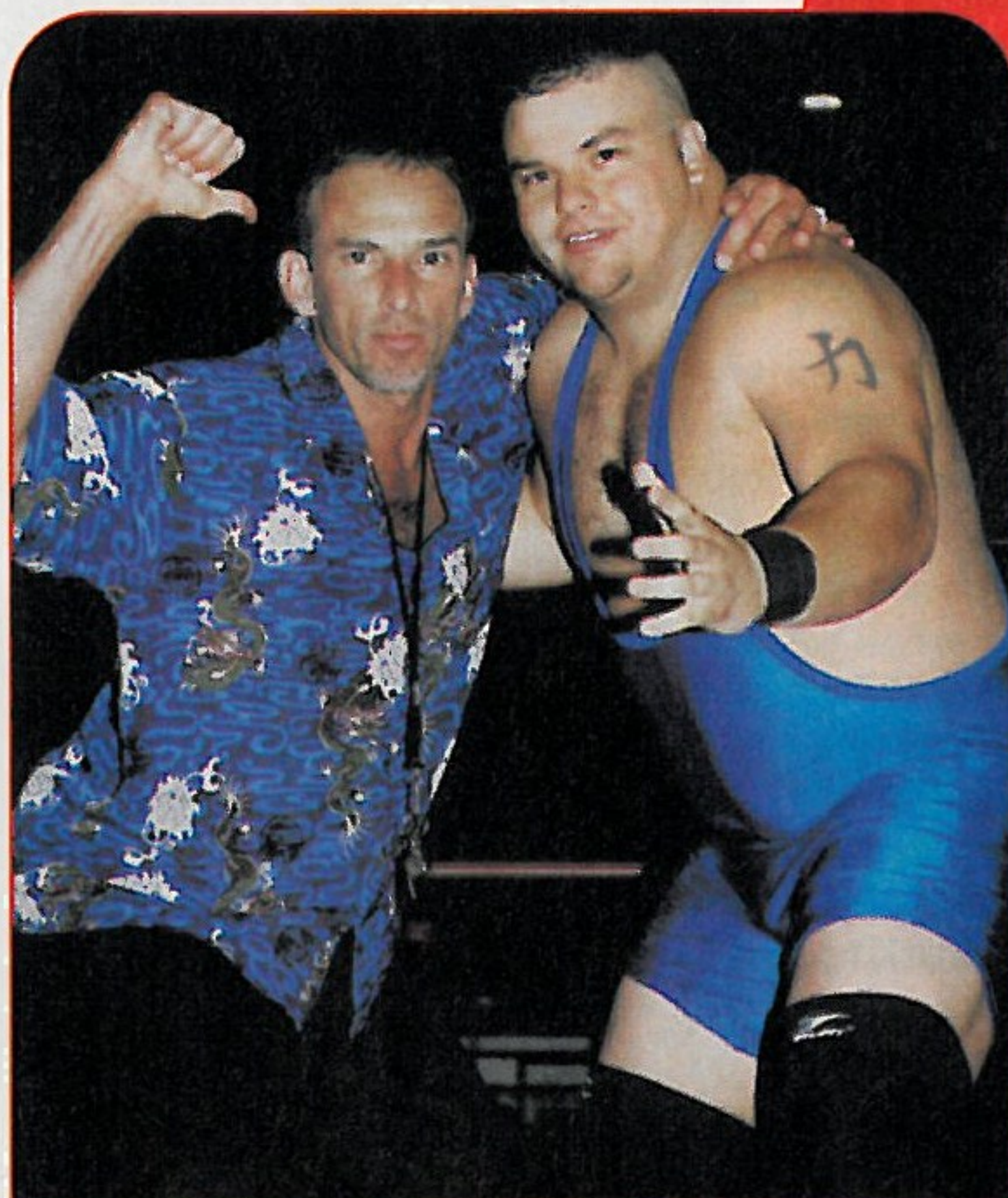
(6', 210, 2, NL) Lost to Hadrian in a match for the vacant IWF American title on February 23 ... Teamed with Biggie Biggs to defeat Hadrian and Damian Adams for the Independent Wrestling Federation tag team title three weeks later ... Considered more of a technical wrestler than Biggs ... Competes throughout New Jersey ... Based in the IWF, but recently started branching out to other New Jersey-area promotions.

458 BRIAN BEDLAM

(6'5", 315, 2, 465) Competes in NWA Pacific Northwest, Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling, and Northern California's Big Time Wrestling ... Beat Billy Two Eagles for another NWA Pacific Northwest/ECCW hardcore title at a September 11 benefit show ... Feuding with Dr. Luther and Juggernaut ... His finisher is an off-the-shoulder Rock bottom, dubbed "White Hot Death" ... Played football at Washington State University.

459 SPANKY MALONE

(5'10", 265, 2, NL) Rose to stardom in the Southeastern Professional Wrestling Federation, which led to his appearances in NWA Florida, NWA New England, and Turnbuckle Championship Wrestling ... He and Bruiser Layton upset longtime champs The Shooters for the SPWF tag team title in front of a sellout crowd at the Kelly Recreational Center in Malone's hometown of Lakeland, Florida ... Became the youngest SPWF heavyweight champion of all-time when he defeated Tony Montanas, substituting for Jumbo Barretta, in St. Petersburg ... His finishing maneuver is the reverse neckbreaker ... Trained by Chris Nelson.



pendent Wrestling Federation ... Managed by Mike Winner and a member of the Winner's Circle ... His finishing maneuver is the cyclone suplex ... A two-time former IWF champion ... Also competes in NWA Jersey and IWA Pennsylvania ... Rivals include Chris Hamrick, Kevin Knight, Biggie Biggs, The Patriot, and Greg Matthews.



464 NIKKI STRICHNINE

(6'1", 192, 5, NL) Survived an Asai chair-sault through a table to beat Pete Madden for the Gateway Championship Wrestling title ... Almost ended Madden's career in an exploding barbed-wire mousetrap match ... Also

feuding with Diamondback Dingo ... His finishers are the lethal injection and the lethal dose, a twisting legdrop ... Teams with Outkast and Ratboy.

460 GINO MARTINO

(5'11", 312, 6, 477) Swapped the Chaotic Wrestling title with Rick Fuller in a series of brutal matches in 2001 ... Suffered a neck injury in his title loss to Ronnie D. Lishus on September 7, 2001 ... Out of action for three months ... Returned in early-2002 after losing 30 pounds ... His finisher is the spinal tap, a crushing bearhug/powerslam combination.

461 STAMP LICKAGE

(6'5", 300, 5, NL) Considered dangerous because he's capable of "going postal" at any moment ... Has a high-flying arsenal despite his large size, which includes a 360 legdrop from the top rope, the scissors kick, and a top-rope walk into a bulldog ... His finisher is the choke-slam ... Lists his hometown as "Post Office Box 911" ... A former National Wrestling Federation champion ... Held the NWF tag team title with T-Mail ... Became less popular with the advent of self-adhesive stamps.

462 ADAM BOOKER

(6'4", 248, 2, 406) Competes primarily in New England, with tours of the South and Midwest ... Feuding with Frankie Armadillo and Dr. Heresy ... Had a good showing against C.W. Anderson in the EWA ... The current EWA heavyweight champion ... Also held the EWA hardcore belt ... Sometimes accompanied by Miss Kristy ... His finishing maneuver is a bookdaddy flapjack, best described as a power bomb/inverted flapjack combo.

463 ROMAN

(6'1", 232, 2, NL) Competes in New Jersey's Inde-

pendent Wrestling Federation ... title after the promotion expanded in the Northern States division and Southern States division ... Teams with his younger brother, TWF Southern States junior heavyweight champ J.B. Cane ... Tried to become more intense and aggressive this year ... Continued to wrestle despite doctor's orders to rest his knee.

466 ROB NOXIOUS

(5'8", 249, 8, NL) Competes in several independents throughout the Northeast, including Classic Championship Wrestling and the Trans-World Wrestling Alliance ... Trained by Steve Blackman and Johnny Graham ... Turned against Graham and hired Harvey Wippleman as his manager ... Sometimes managed by J.R. Manitoba ... Blames his partner, The American Jackass, for their string of losses ... His toughest opponents include John Balsamo and Fumar ... Lost his CCW title to rookie J-Money in a TLC match in April.

467 BILLY REIL

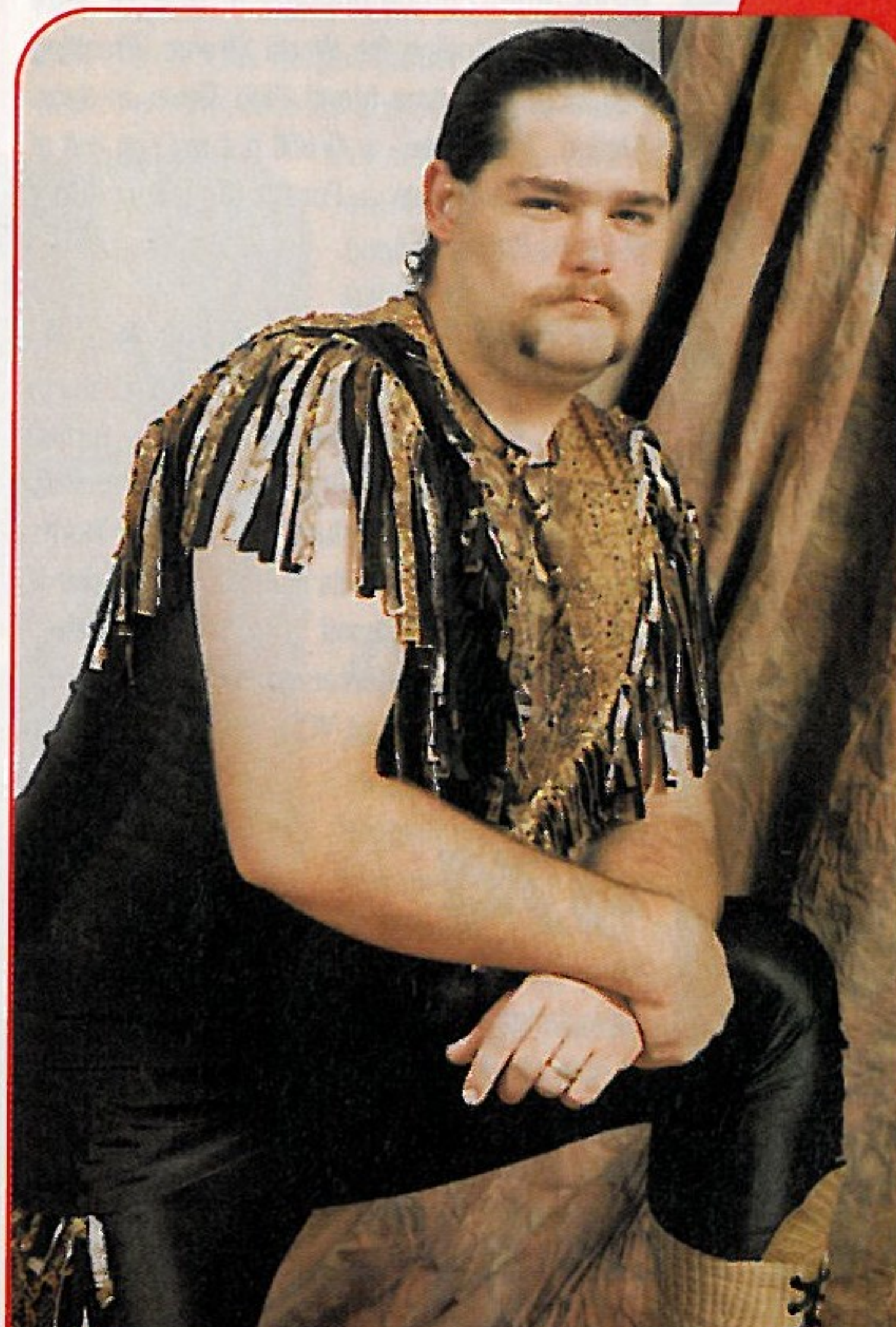
(5'11", 201, 8, NL) Combines high-flying and technical skills, along with strong charisma ... Wants to extend beyond the East Coast to independents throughout the U.S. and abroad in the coming year ... Nicknamed the "Human Highlight" ... Missed most of 2001 due to an injury ... Known for his three-year rivalry with Trent Acid ... Trained by former NWA World champion Dory Funk Jr.

468 GATOR McALLISTER

(6'2", 235, 5, NL) A veteran of Midwest and Southern wrestling ... Has held several regional titles ... Known for his long-running feud with Ox Harley ... Based in Hoosier Pro Wrestling ... One of the most hated wrestlers in that promotion ... Demanding a shot at Hoosier Pro champion Ricky Murdock ... Hails from Marsh Island, Louisiana.

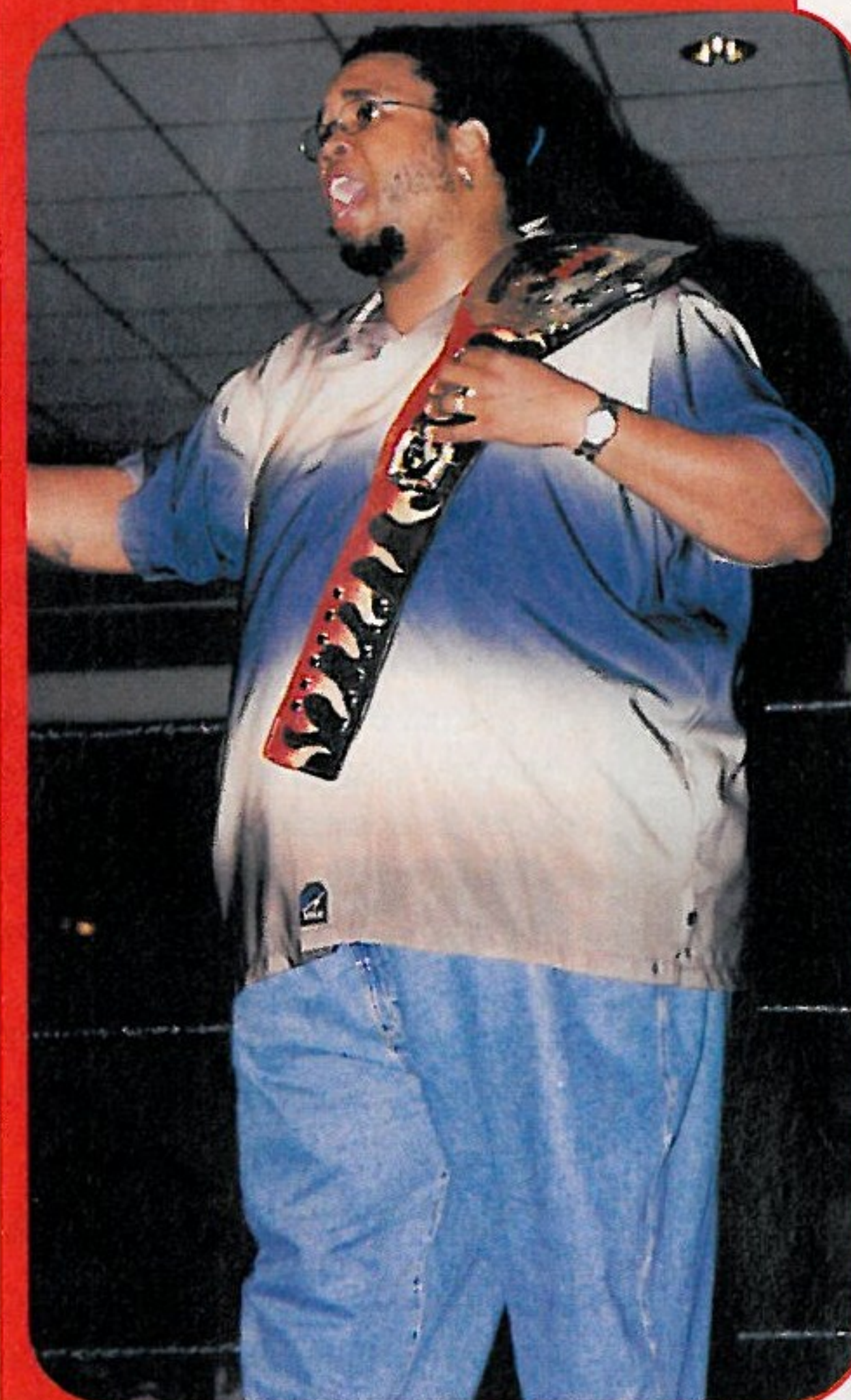
469 BOBBY COLLINS

(5'7", 150, 8, NL) Regained the Canadian Wrestling Federation junior heavyweight and hardcore titles, in addition to capturing the vacant heavyweight championship in May ... That makes him a champion three times over—to the dismay of the fans ... Feuded with Caveman Broda and Cory Diamond ... His finisher is the Collins crash, a legdrop off the top rope ... Realigned himself with manager Frenchy Mitchell ... Nickname is "The Rebel."

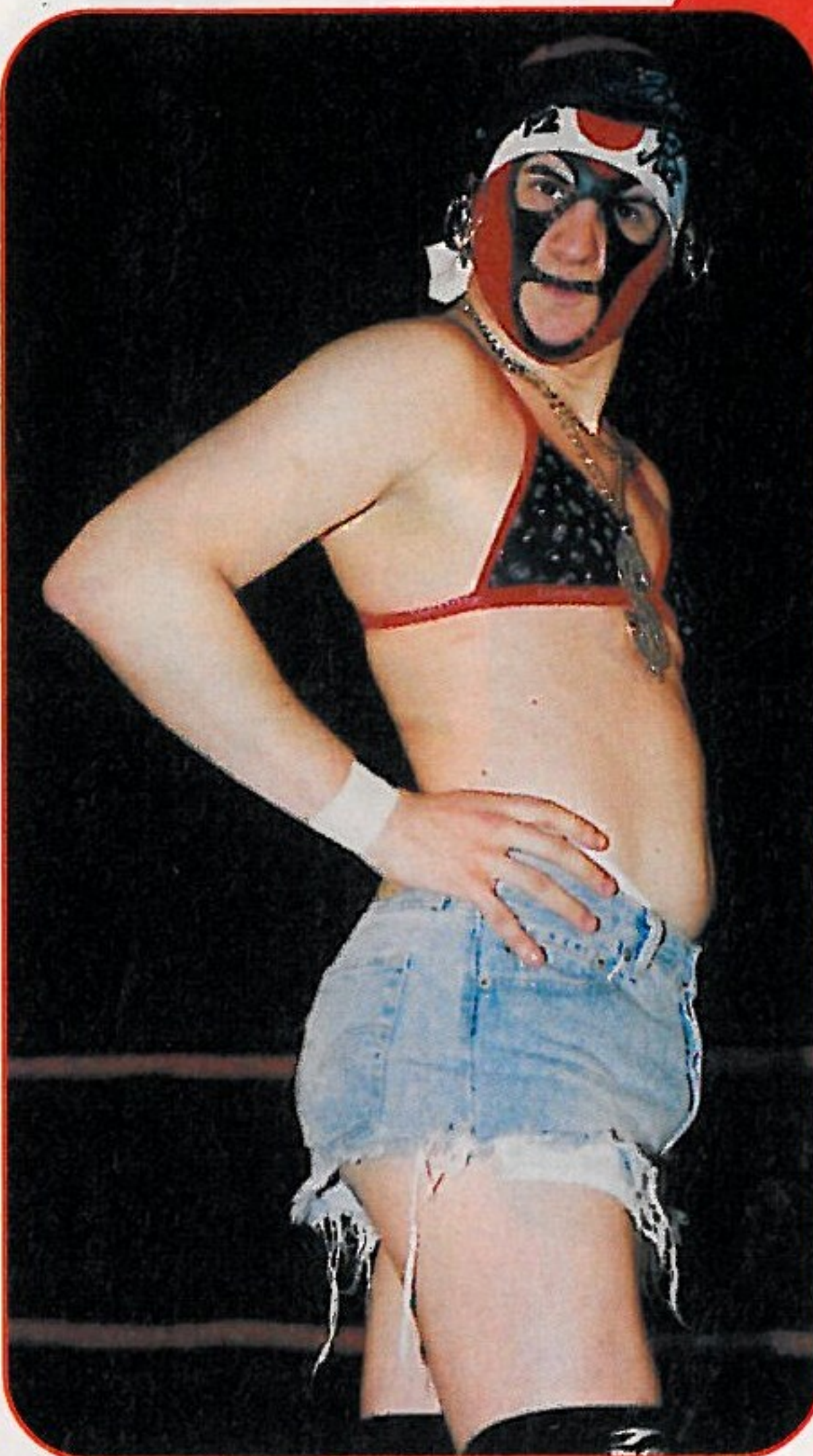


470 BOB KELLER (5'11", 245, 8, 459) Won the American Pro tag team title on two occasions as part of Absolutely Fabulous ... Eliminated by Brock Singleton at the end of Championship Pro Wrestling's "Bunkhouse Brawl" on October 6 ... Got revenge on Fantastic Force, by putting The Combat Kid out of action for a year with an elbow injury and defeating Brian Johnson to become the top contender to the Championship Pro title ... Competes in West Virginia ... His finishing maneuver is the bulldog ... Improved his stamina this year ... "Rock 'n' Roll" is known for his purple ring attire.

471 KELLY BELL (6'3", 350, 2, NL) Maryland Championship Wrestling's resident bluesman ... The Kelly Bell Band is consistently ranked as Maryland's top blues band by various publications ... A former member of Total Quality Management who is now a fan favorite ... Pinned Romeo Valentino for the Rage TV title, but Commissioner Michael Black forced him to return the belt because it wasn't a sanctioned match ... Produces entrance music exclusively for MCW stars.



472 BULLDOZER BENTON (6', 252, 11, 487) The current FEWF Southern champion ... Lost a loser-



leaves-town match to his son, Spike, and was forced out of the promotion for one year ... Has been defending his title outside of Florida, and throughout the Midwest, ever since ... Won three other championships in title vs. title matches, including the World Xtreme Wrestling belt from long-time friend High Times in Bean Station, Tennessee ... "I will put my son out of wrestling!" he vows ... Former tag team partner of Lanny Poffo.

473 IDOL X (5'11", 240, 5, NL) Competes in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia ... Turned against his fans in Virginia Championship Wrestling ... Rivals include Scab, Jacey North, and Preston Quinn ... His signature maneuver is the DDT ... Calls himself "The Glam Superstar" ... Hometown is Intercourse, Pennsylvania ... Lobbying for a shot at VCW champion Preston Quinn.

474 ROD BELL (6'2", 252, 11, 473) Competes in the Midwest, primarily in the Nu Wave Wrestling Association ... Held the NWWA and PCW titles ... He and King Kong Bundy held the AWA tag team belts ... Feuded with Bundy, Billy Joe Eaton, and Vladimir Romanoff ... His finisher is the ring the bell ... Managed by Bill Kennedy ... Plans to compete in an upcoming tournament for the vacant NWWA championship.

475 JAPANESE POOL BOY (6'1", 180, 3, 483) Competes in Delaware and Pennsylvania ... Masked man is considered the most risque star in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... Wears a different outfit every time he appears at an arena ... Won't hesitate to dress in drag or dance like Madonna ... Also uses a different song each time for his ring entrances ... Had battles with Rich Myers, Red, and Low-Ki ... Appears in Pocono Championship Wrestling on occasion ... If he spent half of the time he allots to his entrances on improving his wrestling technique, he'd be a top contender.

476 JAKE DAMIEN (6', 235, 4, 447) Rose to prominence in Virginia's KYDA Pro Wrestling ... His best matches have been against Brock Singleton ... Competes throughout the Mid-Atlantic ... Known as "The Ripper" ... Has represented KYDA Pro during tours of the U.K. and Ireland ... Happy to be free of Alexis Laree ... A former KYDA Pro heavyweight and Mid-Atlantic champion.

477 RICKY NOBLE (6'1", 243, 3, 472) The current United Championship Wrestling titleholder ... UCW's most popular star ... The main adversary of Mack Truck and The Brotherhood ... Competes in the Carolinas ... Severely injured his back during the spring, but continued to wrestle ... Feuding with Able Atoms and Ken Varner in East Coast Championship Wrestling.

478 DAVE GRECO (6', 208, 2, 451) Competes in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina ... Now competes for heavyweight championships in addition to light heavyweight titles ... Lost to Brian Christopher in May ... Feuded with Jersey Championship Wrestling heavyweight titleholder Inferno throughout the year ... Had memorable bouts against Billy Reil and Low-Ki ... Calls himself "The Superstar" ... A former JCW light heavyweight champion.

479 JIMMY JACOBS (5'6", 159, 3, NL) Competes throughout the Midwest, primarily for Illinois' Powerhouse Championship Wrestling ... Defeated Gavin Starr in a retirement match ... Feuded with Chuckie Smooth ... Holds the PCW light heavyweight, GLW cruiserweight, and TZW cruiserweight titles ... Co-holder of the IWR tag team championship with Amazing N8 ... They are known as The Revolutionaries and managed by Bobby Bambino ... His finisher is the Dudley dog into an inverted neckbreaker ... Claims to be from "Goof City, U.S.A."

480 MACK TRUCK (6'6", 265, 3, 490) Formed an evil alliance with Cruiser and Norton Lewis ... Leader of The Brotherhood ... Competes primarily in United Championship Wrestling ... Also wrestles in East Coast Championship Wrestling and other Carolina independents ... Resembles Kevin Nash in look and style ... A former UCW champion ... The choke-slam and power bomb are his signature moves.

481 DERICK NEIKIRK (6'4", 240, 2, NL) This former pro baseball player has adapted well to wrestling ... Joined the expanded ranks of the A Squad this year and has been impressive since joining the group ... Currently teams with Chet Jablonski, with whom he won the HWA tag team title from Cody Hawk and Tony B ... Native of Phoenix, Arizona.

482 H.C. LOC (5'9", 225, 4, NL) Competes throughout the Northeast ... A member of The Hardcore Society—also comprised of Danger, Mike Hardy, and Kenny Casanova—in World of Hurt Wrestling ... Also teams with DeVito in Ring of Honor ... A former World of Hurt and Penn-York champion ... Known as the "Extreme Official" in the now-defunct ECW ... His finishers include the fireman's cutter and the Budweiser frog splash ... Dresses as Gumby, the green clay-mation character, on occasion ... Dominated PWI Senior Writer Dan Murphy in a sparring session this year.



483 THE PROPHET (6'3", 220, 2, NL) Competed in wrestling's first "produce" match against Joe Gunns ... No word on whether a vegetables, ladders, and chairs match is next ... Based in New Jersey's Phoenix Championship Wrestling ... A member of The United Nations with Tiger Khan and Prince Nana ... Hails from Trenchtown, Jamaica ... Known as the "Rasta Impasta" ... His finishing hold is the figure-four dreadlock ... Claims to read wrestlers' fortunes in the ring ... Says he is a close friend of famed hotline psychic Miss Cleo.

484 TYSON DUX (5'9", 192, 5, NL) Competes in Ontario, primarily for Border City Wrestling ... He and Jack Damage won a four-way match for the Border City tag team title last summer ... They have since parted ways ... Popular with the fans, who like his wrestling ability and his dancing ... Resides in Toronto ... An enemy of The Syndicate ... Aligned with Scott D'Amore.

485 LORIDA (5'9", 170, 2, NL) This young cruiserweight has been making quite a reputation for himself in the New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania region ... Has been tag team wrestler in the past, but is now concentrating on his singles career ... His unorthodox wrestling style includes a wide array of flips, kicks, and suplexes as well as the shining wizard and Rock bottom ... Has feuded with Brian XL and Abunai ... Recently started aligning himself with the Natural Born Sinners and adopting a more sinister, violent persona.

486 DUKES DALTON (6'2", 229, 8, NL) The Chaotic Wrestling New England champion claims he was conceived in the bowels of Studio 54 in New York City ... He won a bout to unify his light heavyweight title with John Walters' TV belt and form the New England championship ... Dances to ABBA's "Dancing Queen" before his matches ... Yeah, he's one of those



... Has held the NWA tag team title with Knuckles Nelson.

487 MIKE KNOX (6'5", 260, 5, NL) Teams with his cousin Marshall Knox as The Urban Outlaws ... Hollywood and Horshu, The Cubanitos, and Hardcore Inc. are among their rivals ... Their greatest enemies are Native Blood ... Cracks a bullwhip when he enters the ring ... His finishing maneuver is a reverse fisherman brainbuster ... Has competed in Ultimate Pro Wrestling since 1999.

488 BUCK WYLDE (6', 240, 4, NL) Trained at Dory Funk Jr.'s Funking Conservatory in Florida ... That led to a feud with Funk's star protege, Adam Windsor ... Teamed with Striker and feuded with Wagner Brown in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... Competes as a single in Pocono Championship Wrestling ... Generally relies on his power to win matches.

489 TERRY KNIGHT (6'3", 234, 13, 480) Hated by NWA Wildside fans because of his lack of personality ... One of the finest mat technicians in the promotion, however ... Known for having his body set ablaze when he teamed with David Young against Rick Michaels and Scottie Wrenn in an "Infernal Damnation" flaming tables match ... Back in the ring with bandages a week later.

490 RUSTY RIDDLE (6'4", 265, 15, NL) Teaming with Shawn Royal as Total Destruction in NWA Wildside ... Challenged NWA tag team champions The New Heavenly Bodies in Georgia and Florida ... Riddle and Royal teamed with Tank in an exciting match against Blackout and New Jack on Wildside television recently ... Trained by the late Nelson Royal ... A preliminary wrestler for Jim Crockett Promotions for several years.

491 BRANDON WALKER (5'10", 220, 5, 481) Won the Old School Wrestling Federation title this year ... Also wrestles in Missouri's World League Wrestling on occasion ... Competes in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Missouri ... His signature moves are the missile dropkick and sit-down crucifix ... Sidelined for two weeks with a separated shoulder ... Nicknamed "Thunderbolt."

492 GUTTER (6', 232, 5, NL) Won the Douglas Chevalier Memorial battle royal ... He and The Hacker are the top contenders to the Border City tag team title ... His finishing maneuver is the diamond Gutter ... Carries a piece of gutter with him and refers to it as "Cindy" ... Claims to hear "voices" ... Has held the NWA Great Lakes and MWA belts ... Graduated from the Can-Am Wrestling School in Windsor, Ontario.



493 SAMIR (5'8", 190, 3, NL) His bad feelings for Joey Corman emerged again this year, causing the breakup of the Overboyz tag team ... They feuded off and on throughout Texas, then reconciled for matches in Hardway Wrestling, the International Wrestling Cartel, and Combat Zone Wrestling ... Returned to NWA Wildside for appearances ... The Overboyz have held the SPW, NAWA, and TCW tag team titles.

494 LUIS ORTIZ (5'9", 205, 6, NL) Teamed with Little Guido Maritato to capture the Chaotic Wrestling tag title in August of last year ... Became the first wrestler to win all three Chaotic Wrestling championships when he defeated Ronnie D. Lishus for the heavyweight belt in December ... "Latin Fury" stunned fans by joining the heel clique known as The Office ... Lost the Chaotic Wrestling title to Aaron Stevens on May 18 ... Possesses a breathtaking Asai moonsault ... The Puerto Rico native has competed for George Takano's World Wide Wrestling in Japan.

495 OX HARLEY (6', 255, 6, NL) Competes throughout the South ... His hardcore matches with Madman Pondo are always a smorgasbord of violence ... Now trying to downplay the hardcore style and exhibit his technical ability ... One of the most popular stars in Hoosier Pro Wrestling ... Locked in a bitter feud with Gator McAllister ... A two-time former Hoosier Pro champion.

496 SHANE SHADOWS (6'2", 238, 10, NL) This hated veteran has spent much of the past year feuding with Johnny Graham in CPW and the TWWA ... Teamed with Brian Johnson to capture the Championship Pro tag team title on two occasions ... Beat Switchblade for the Championship Pro heavyweight belt on April 27 ... Now defending the title against Bob Keller ... Competes in West Virginia.

497 CHRIS VENOM (5'8", 214, 2, NL) Competes throughout New England ... One of the most popular stars in PWF Northeast ... Lost a match to Billy Bax at PWF Northeast's "Convergence," but Bax acknowledged Venom's tenacity ... Rivals include Chris Hamrick, Adam Booker, The Damned, and Dr. Heresy ... Engaged in a major feud with Billy Black ... Also wrestles in Northeast Championship Wrestling and the Eastern Wrestling Alliance ... His signature maneuvers are the burning hammer (an inverted Death Valley driver) and a modified T-bone suplex ... Nicknamed "The Revolution."

498 FRANKIE CAPONE (5'10", 221, 7, NL) Defended the

Southern Championship Wrestling title against Nova in a steel cage during an Extreme Warfare Wrestling show ... Based in Florida, where he competes in SCW, IPW Hardcore Wrestling, the Christian Wrestling Federation, John Tenta's Intense Florida Wrestling, New Generation Wrestling, and United Florida Championship Wrestling ... Feuded with Prince Iaukea in IFW ... Competed in ECW, Music City Wrestling, and the USWA in years past ... Attended Adrian Street's Skullcrushers Wrestling School.

499 MATT RICHARDS (6', 206, 7, NL) Feuded with Bill Yates, Dr. Luther, and Juggernaut ... Competes in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba ... Defeated Savior, Phoenix Taylor, Rick Vain, and Jason Booker this year ... His signature moves include a triple-jump moonsault, a triple-jump plancha to the floor, and a fingerlock Frankenstein ... Known as "Livewire" ... A two-time CEW Newfoundland Heritage champ.



500 DEREK McQUINN (6', 246, 1, NL) His early months in World League Wrestling were so impressive that he was awarded a shot at Dennis McHawes' heavyweight title after only half a year ... Defeated Marc Godeker in his debut on September 30, 2001, almost exactly four years after Bill Goldberg's first match ... HMMMMMM ... Made the unfortunate decision to take short-cuts as a member of The Gold Exchange ... His flying forearm and spear are devastating enough to earn clean pinfalls, however ... Known as "Dangerous" Derek ... Trained by former NWA World champion Harley Race.

The list of active wrestlers is always changing. Since last year's "PWI 500" came out, some wrestlers have migrated to different federations or changed their names. Others are now injured, inactive, or retired. Still others have been dropped from this year's survey for other reasons.

Keys are as follows (D) deceased; (DL) disabled list throughout a major portion of the year; (I) inactive; (NC) name change; (NL) not listed; (R) retired.

Joey Abs (NL)	Shirley Doe (NL)	Jimmie Lee (NL)	Bart Sawyer (NL)
Brian Adams (NL)	Beau Douglas (NL)	Guillotine LeGrande (R)	Scotty Too Hotty (DL)
Afa Jr. (NL)	Jon Douglas (NL)	Leviathan (NC)	Steve Sharp (NL)
Air Paris (NL)	Jack Dupp (NL)	J.T. Lightning (NL)	Dave Sherman (NL)
Seiji Akki (NL)	Julio Fantastico (NC)	Lodi (NL)	Silky Boom Boom (NL)
Terry Allen (NL)	Rory Fox (NL)	Majik (NL)	Shorty Smalls (NL)
Andy Anderson (NL)	Tatsumi Fujinami (NL)	Dean Malenko (R)	L.A. Smooth (NL)
Eric Angle (DL)	Kazuyuki Fujita (DL)	Naomichi Marufuji (NL)	Jimmy Snuka (NL)
Brian Anthony (NL)	Shoichi Funaki (NL)	Masked Maniac (NL)	Steve Southern (NL)
Mike Awesome (DL)	Miyaki Frantz (NL)	Zak Mason (NL)	Jeff Starr (NL)
Badd Brad (NL)	Ben Galvan (NL)	Rob McBride (NL)	Damien Steele (NL)
Andre Baker (NL)	Pete Gas (I)	Mentallo (NL)	Gary Steele (NL)
Ricky Banderas (NL)	Trooper Gillmore (NL)	Mark Mest (NL)	Jim Steele (NL)
Don Basher (NL)	Eddie Golden (NL)	Taka Michinoku (NL)	Ty Street (NL)
Bad Boy Basil (D)	Vince Goodnite (R)	Moondog Molsonn (NL)	Rick Steiner (NL)
Chris Benoit (DL)	Vic Grimes (NL)	Ralph Mosca (NL)	Scott Steiner (DL/I)
Scott Bishop (NL)	Russ Haas (D)	Johnny Moss (NL)	Benny Stolfus (NL)
Steve Blackman (DL)	Haku (NL)	Bill Mudd (NL)	Stone Mountain (NL)
Romeo Bliss (NL)	Halloween (NL)	Akira Nogami (NL)	Kyle Storm (NL)
Blade Boudreaux (NL)	Crusher Hansen (NL)	Kevin Northcutt (NL)	The Stro (NL)
Steve Boz (NL)	Ricky Harrison (NL)	Scott Norton (NL)	Super Crazy (NL)
Bobo Brazil Jr. (NL)	Hiroshi Hase (NL)	Osiris (NL)	Super Destroyer 2000 (NL)
Cool Joe Brock (NL)	Brody Hawk (NL)	Dallas Page (R)	Supreme Lee Great (NL)
Boogie Woogie Brown (R)	Gregory Helms (NC)	Ash Parker (NL)	Tazz (NL)
The Bruiser (NL)	Horace Hogan (NL)	Pepper Parks (R)	Curtis Thompson (NL)
Vinnie Capelli (NL)	Barry Horowitz (NL)	Adam Pearce (NL)	Thornn (NL)
Vic Capri (R)	The Hussla (NL)	Persian Prince (NC)	Trailer Park Trash (NL)
Dr. Cerebro (NL)	Icecream (R)	T.J. Powers (NL)	Paul Vault (NL)
Cham Pain (NL)	Tommy Idol (NL)	Eric Priest (NL)	Savio Vega (NL)
Dean Champion (NL)	Indiana Kidd Jr. (NL)	Robbie Rage (NL)	Ronnie Vegas (NL)
Chris Charger (NL)	Austin James (NL)	Mike Rapada (NL)	Val Venis (NC)
Chilly Willy (NL)	Jason Jett (NC)	Jayson Reign (NL)	Villano IV (NL)
Bryan Clark (NL)	Jason Justice (NL)	Rev. Slim (NL)	Villano V (NL)
Boom Boom Comini (NL)	Sebastian Kane (NL)	Dusty Rhodes (NL)	Moondog Wenzel (NL)
Corporal Punishment (NL)	Kanyon (DL)	Rhyno (DL)	Mikey Whipwreck (R)
Darren Dalton (NL)	Vince Kaplack (NL)	Roadkill (NL)	L.A. Wild One (NL)
El Dandy (NL)	Kid Kash (NL)	Rodrageous (I)	Guy Williams (NL)
Brian Danzig (NL)	Toshiaki Kawada (NL)	Jeff Roth (NL)	Dango Wynn (NL)
Dapper Dan (NL)	Kid Kaos (NL)	Sean Royal (NL)	Lord Zoltan (NL)
Ace Darling (NL)	Kid U.S.A. (NL)	Robbie Royce (NL)	
Drake Dawson (NL)	Kronus (NL)	John Ryan (NL)	
J.C. Dazz (NL)	Chris Krueger (NL)	Samu (NL)	
Major DeBeers (NL)	Lenny Lane (NL)	Takuma Sano (NL)	
Paul Diamond (NL)	Jerry Lawler (NL)	Michelle Starr (NL)	
Disco (I)	Lazz (NL)	Al Savage (NL)	